

## Romney Blasts Obama Over Foreign Policy

Associated Press

**PUEBLO, Colorado (AP)** — Mitt Romney led a chorus of Republican criticism of Barack Obama's foreign policy on Monday, accusing the president of minimizing the recent killing of the U.S. ambassador to Libya as a mere "bump in the road" rather than part of a chain of events that threatens American interests. White House press secretary Jay Carney called the



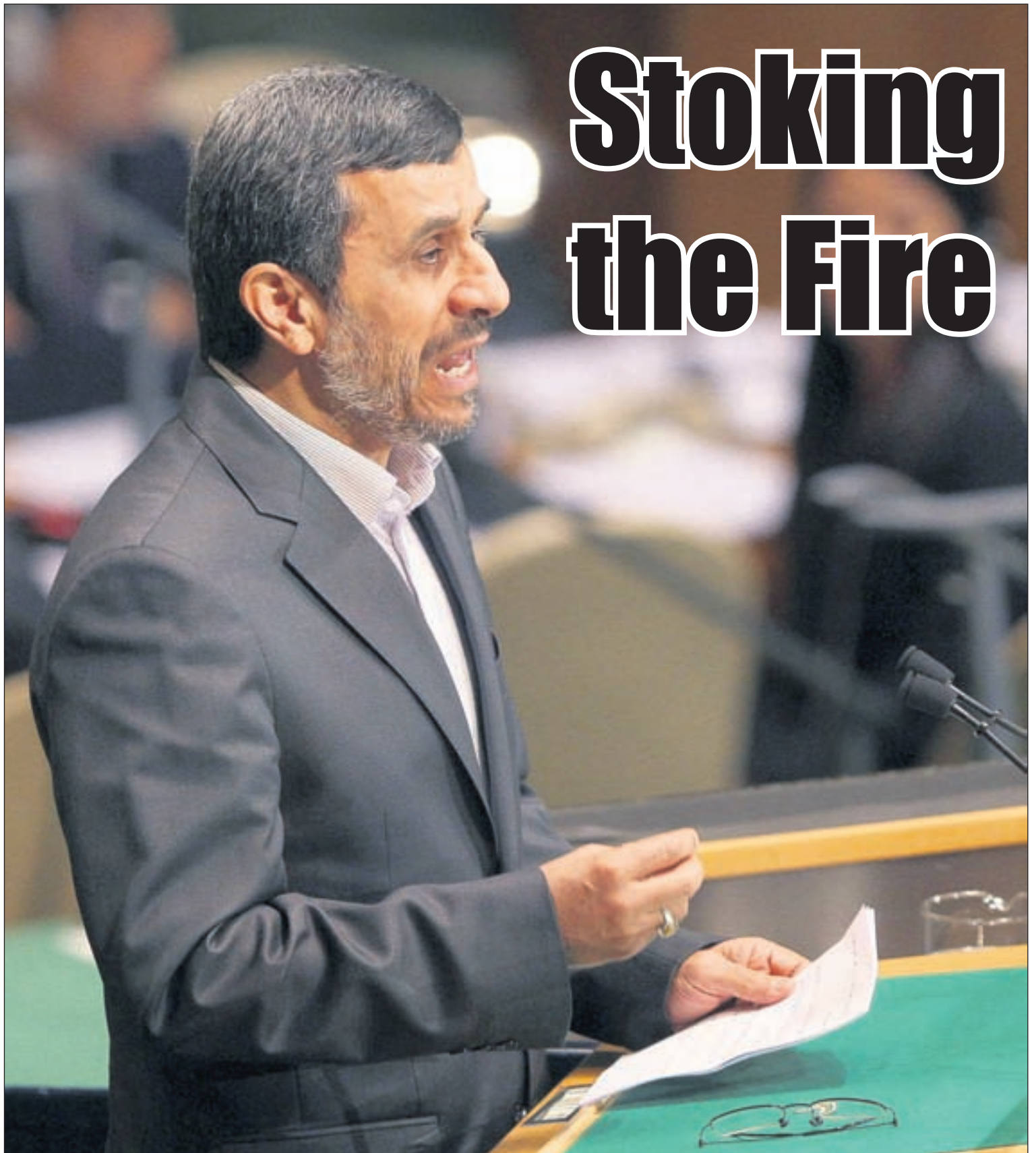
Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney speaks at Pueblo Weisbrod Aircraft Museum in Pueblo, Colo., Monday, Sept. 24, 2012.

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accusations "desperate and offensive," an attempt by the Republican presidential candidate and his allies to gain political advantage in the latter stages of a close race that seems to be trending the president's way.

Obama flew from the White House to New York, one day before he speaks to world leaders at the opening of the annual session of the United Nations General Assembly.

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Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad speaks at a high level meeting in the United Nations General Assembly at United Nations headquarters Monday, Sept. 24, 2012.

(AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

## Iran's president spreads outrage at UN

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**UNITED NATIONS** — President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of Iran stoked the

anger of Israel, the United States, Syrian insurgents and gay-rights advocates Monday, using the first full day of his final visit to the United Nations as Iran's

leader to assert that he has no fear of an Israeli attack on its nuclear facilities, regards the Israelis as fleeing aberrations in Middle East history, is neutral in the Syria

conflict and considers homosexuality an ugly crime.

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**Nepal:**

# Avalanche hit climbers as they were sleeping

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Associated Press  
KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — Mountaineers who survived a predawn avalanche high on the world's eighth-tallest peak say they waited an hour for the sun to rise and then saw pieces of tents and bodies of victims strewn around them on the snow.

Italian climber Silvio Mondinelli said he and a fellow mountaineer were asleep when they heard a violent sound and felt their tent start to slide.

"It was only a few seconds and we did not know what happened, but we had slid more than 200 meters (650 feet)," Mondinelli told The Associated Press on Monday. "All we wanted was for it to stop."

The avalanche hit at about 4 a.m. Sunday while more than two dozen climbers were sleeping in tents at Camp 3 on Mount Manaslu in northern Nepal.

At least nine climbers were killed and six are believed still missing. Many of the 10 survivors were injured and were flown to hospitals by rescue helicopters.

Helicopters flew over the slopes on Monday to search for the missing mountaineers as climbers and guides searched on foot. Rescuers brought down eight bodies — four French, one each from Germany, Italy and Spain and a Nepali guide — and were trying to retrieve the ninth from the

7,000-meter (22,960-foot) area where the avalanche struck, police Chief Basanta Bahadur Kuwar said.

Three French climbers and two Germans were transported to hospitals in Katmandu on Sunday. Two Italians were flown there on Monday — Mondinelli, who has climbed the world's 14 highest peaks, and fel-

and they had no light.

"We found someone's boots and put them on," he said.

When the sun rose an hour later, they saw parts of tents scattered across the snow, along with people who had been killed or injured. They said they were able to assist the injured with the help of Sherpa guides who



**A helicopter lifts off carrying survivors from the debris field of an avalanche on Mount Manaslu in northern Nepal. Rescue helicopters flew over the high slopes of the northern Nepal peak again Monday to search for climbers lost in an avalanche that killed at least nine mountaineers and injured others. Many of the climbers were French, German and Italian.**

(AP Photo/Garrett Madison)

low mountaineer Christian Gobbi.

Mondinelli said a third Italian climber and their Sherpa guide were sleeping in another tent and both were buried by the avalanche and died.

Gobbi said they could not see at first when they looked out of their torn tent because it was pitch dark

came up from lower mountain camps. Those who could walk made their way down to the base camp while those who were injured were picked up by helicopters.

At least three of the victims were from the French Alps town of Chamonix, a hub for climbers on Mont Blanc and nearby peaks.



In this satellite image taken Aug. 29, 2012 by DigitalGlobe and provided Monday, Sept. 24, 2012 by 38 North, the website of the U.S.-Korea Institute at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, a structure which an analyst says a unfinished rocket launch site, top right, and other major new facilities at the Tonghae launch complex are seen near the village of Musudanri on the northeast coast of North Korea. North Korea has stopped construction on a launch pad where intercontinental-range rockets could be tested, an interruption possibly due to heavy rains and that could stall completion up to two years, according to the analysis of Aug. 29 images provided to The Associated Press by 38 North.

(AP Photo/DigitalGlobe)

**AP Exclusive:**

## Images show NKorea missile pad work halt

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Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea has stopped construction on a launch pad where intercontinental-range rockets could be tested, an interruption possibly due to heavy rains and that could stall completion up to two years, according to an analysis of new satellite imagery.

Despite the setback, however, Pyongyang is also refurbishing for possible future use another existing pad at the same complex that has been used for past rocket launches, according to the analysis of Aug. 29 images provided to The Associated Press by 38 North, the website of the U.S.-Korea Institute at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

While the renovations don't mean a launch is imminent, they indicate North Korea is preparing the site for possible future rocket tests, according to the 38 North special report written by Nick Hansen.

North Korea conducted nuclear tests in 2006 and 2009, but experts don't believe Pyongyang has yet mastered the technology needed to shrink a nuclear weapon so it can be mounted onto the tip of a long-range missile.

There are worries, however, about North Korea's rocket and missile programs.



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## Asian officials gather amid island dispute

**BEIJING (AP)** — Rival claims to a group of tiny islands will be the focus of talks Tuesday between Chinese and Japanese officials, testing whether the countries can summon the political will to put the rancor behind them. The Japanese government's claim to own the East China Sea islands known as Senkaku in Japan and Diaoyu in China, which it reinforced with a purchase from private owners this month, has sparked sometimes violent protests in China and informal boycotts of Japanese products. The meeting between Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Zhang Zhijun and Japanese Vice Foreign Minister Chikao Kawai will focus on relations between the countries. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei told a news conference Monday that Kawai was visiting at Japan's request. "China will urge Japan to correct their mistakes and make efforts in improving ties," he said. China has dispatched government marine monitoring vessels to patrol around the Japan-administered islands. Taiwan also claims the islands and has registered a formal protest over Japan's purchase. On Monday, several dozen Taiwanese fishing boats set out for the islands from the east coast port of Suao in what was being termed an apolitical protest to protect access to traditional fishing grounds. □

# Iran's president spreads outrage at UN

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In a series of public appearances that included a breakfast meeting with selected members of the press, a speech on the rule of law at a U.N. conference and a CNN interview broadcast Monday evening, Ahmadinejad sought to portray Iran as a principled and upstanding member of the global community. But the Iranian leader, known for his denials of the Holocaust and other inflammatory language, ignored a warning by the secretary-general of the United Nations, Ban Ki-moon, against making provocative statements. Instead, he offended a wide range of targets and prompted the Israeli delegation to walk out of the U.N. conference in protest. Ahmadinejad, 55, is in the final nine months of his last term as president of Iran, and his annual visits to the United Nations for its General Assembly meetings have become something of a media event. Iran attached particular importance to his appearance this year because Iran is the rotating president of the Nonaligned Movement, which represents the largest bloc of members in the 193-nation General Assembly. Ahmadinejad will deliver his General Assembly address Wednesday. In what may have been his most incendiary remarks Monday, Ahmadinejad

belittled what he characterized as the insignificant history of Israel, compared with the long history of Iran. He told reporters and editors at the breakfast meeting that the Israelis had been around the region for only 60 or 70 years, in contrast to the Iranians, whose

and they want to find an adventure to get out of this dead end," he said. "We are fully ready to defend ourselves. We do not take these threats seriously." Later at his speech on the rule of law, without mentioning any country by name, he denounced the

our past. Three thousand years of Jewish history illustrate the clear danger of ignoring fanatics like Iran's president, especially as he inches closer to acquiring nuclear weapons."

In Israel, Dan Meridor, the deputy prime minister, said recent inflammatory assertions from Iran, including threats of a possible preemptive strike on Israel, may be a sign that economic sanctions and diplomatic pressure on Iran are having an effect.

"Maybe we need to continue the pressure," he told reporters at a briefing.

The Obama administration, which has vowed that Iran will not become a nuclear-weapons state but has urged Israel to give diplomacy and sanctions more time, was quick to denounce Ahmadinejad.

Tommy Vietor, a White House spokesman, called his comments "characteristically disgusting, offensive, and outrageous." He said they "underscore again why America's commitment to the security of Israel must be unshakable, and why the world must hold Iran accountable for its utter failure to meet its obligations." Regarding Syria, Iran's most important Middle East ally, Ahmadinejad denied accusations that his country is helping the military of President Bashar Assad, which is seeking to crush a nearly 19-month-old uprising that has turned into a civil war. □



**Israeli delegates walk out of the United Nations General Assembly as Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad approaches the podium to speak at the high level meeting on rule of law in the at U.N. headquarters, Monday, Sept. 24, 2012.**

(AP Photo/John Minchillo)

civilization has existed for thousands of years.

"They have no roots there in history," Ahmadinejad said of the Israelis. "They do not even enter the equation for Iran."

He also rejected any suggestion that Iran fears an Israeli military assault on its uranium enrichment facilities, which the Israeli government has called part of a clandestine effort to develop nuclear weapons despite Iran's repeated assertions that its atomic energy program is peaceful. "We believe the Zionists see themselves at a dead end

United States for ignoring Israel's nuclear arsenal while trying to shut down Iran's nuclear program.

"Some members of the Security Council with veto rights have chosen silence with regard to the nuclear warheads of a fake regime, while at the same time they impede the scientific progress of other nations," he said. Israel's ambassador, Ron Prosor, left the conference, saying in a statement that "Ahmadinejad showed again that he not only threatens the future of the Jewish people, he seeks to erase



# Romney assails Obama's foreign policy

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The back and forth on foreign policy occurred as Romney said he was shifting to a more energetic schedule of public campaign events, bidding to reverse recent erosion in battleground state polls. While national polls make the race exceedingly close, Obama has gained ground on Romney in many recent surveys when potential voters are asked to compare

dor and three other Americans. In an interview with CBS' "60 Minutes" over the weekend, Obama was asked if recent events in the Middle East gave him pause for supporting governments that came to power following a wave of regime changes known as the Arab Spring. Obama responded he has long noted that events were going to be rocky, adding that the question itself "presumes that

tions, making states that don't reliably vote Democrat or Republican important in such a tight race. "I can't imagine saying something like the assassination of ambassadors is a bump in the road, when you look at the entire context, the assassination, the Muslim Brotherhood president being elected in Egypt, 20,000 people killed in Syria, Iran close to becoming a nuclear nation, that these are far from being bumps in the road,"



Republican vice presidential candidate, Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., gives a thumbs up to supporters, Monday, Sept. 24, 2012, at the Veterans Memorial Civic & Convention Center in Lima, Ohio. (AP Photo/J.D. Pooley)

the two rivals in their ability to fix the economy. Sluggish growth and national unemployment of 8.1 percent make the economy by far the dominant issue in the race. The same polls show Obama with a healthy lead over Romney when voters are asked which candidate is better equipped to handle foreign policy, and the president has not shied away from trumpeting his decision to order the secret mission by U.S. forces that killed terrorism mastermind Osama bin Laden in his Pakistani hideout more than a year ago. At the same time, Romney's advisers say voters are more inclined to question Obama's handling of foreign policy after the attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya, earlier this month resulted in the death of the U.S. ambassa-

somehow we could have stopped this wave of change." "I think it was absolutely the right thing for us to align ourselves with democracy, universal rights. ... But I was pretty certain and continue to be pretty certain that there are going to be bumps in the road." "There are strains of extremism, and anti-Americans, and anti-Western sentiments and you know can be tapped into by demagogues," he added. Romney was eager to talk about the topic, squeezing interviews with three television networks into his schedule and touching on the subject at the beginning of a rally in Colorado — one of several states that could swing either way in this election. The U.S. president is not chosen by popular vote but by state-by-state elec-

Romney told ABC. U.S. officials are investigating the deaths in Libya, which occurred when the consulate was breached. Obama has said extremists used an anti-Islam video as an excuse to assault U.S. interests overseas, including the incident in Benghazi. Romney also took a slap Monday at Obama's handling of relations with Israel. "The president doesn't have time to actually spend time with leaders of these nations, particularly Bibi Netanyahu, I find that very troubling," he said. Obama pushed back on the idea that he feels pressure from Benjamin Netanyahu, dismissing the Israeli prime minister's calls for the U.S. to set a "red line" that Iran's nuclear program must not cross to avoid American military intervention. □



United States Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks at the Clinton Global Initiative, Monday, Sept. 24, 2012 in New York. (AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

## Clinton urges tolerance amid anti-U.S. protests

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton appealed Monday to Muslims to show "dignity" and not resort to violence as they protest an anti-Islam film produced in the United States.

Speaking at her husband's Clinton Global Initiative before meeting the presidents of Afghanistan, Egypt, Libya and Pakistan on the sidelines of the annual U.N. General Assembly, Clinton said the United States would always champion the rights to peaceful protest and free expression even if it deplored the content of the speech. But, she said, "dignity does not come from avenging insults." Her comments came as demonstrators angry over the vulgar depiction of the Prophet Mohammed in the video continue to protest around the Muslim world.

"Dignity does not come from avenging insults, especially with violence that can never be justified," she said. "It comes from taking responsibility and advancing our common humanity." Fomenting grievance, Clinton said, produces violent protests that accomplish nothing in the way of improving living standards, creating jobs or developing societies. "Building schools instead

of burning them, investing in their people's creativity, not inciting their rage, opening their economies and societies to have more connections with the wider world, not shutting off the internet or attacking embassies" is the way to better life, she said.

"Extremists around the world are working hard to drive us apart," Clinton warned. "All of us need to stand together to resist these forces and to support democratic transitions under way in North Africa and the Middle East."

The Obama administration has been grasping for ways to try to tamp down the fury over the video, especially in Pakistan, where some of the most intense and sustained protests have been held. The embassy in Islamabad released public-service advertisements showing President Barack Obama and Clinton denouncing the film.

Compounding the difficulty, a Pakistani Cabinet minister offered \$100,000 to anyone who kills the maker of the film. The Pakistani government disavowed the bounty on Monday, just hours before Clinton was to meet with President Asif Ali Zardari. "We very much appreciate the strong response of your government," Clinton told Zardari as they began their meeting in a New York hotel. □



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## FBI to investigate officer shooting double-amputee

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HOUSTON (AP) — The FBI will help investigate what led a Houston police officer to shoot and kill a wheelchair-bound double amputee who was agitated and threatening police with what turned out to be a ballpoint pen, the city's police chief said Monday. Police Chief Charles McClelland also asked the community to "reserve judgment" on the officer and his actions this weekend at the Healing Hands

group home for the mentally ill, and sought to reassure the public that all of the city's officers are trained to deal with people with mental problems.

Community and civil rights groups say the incident is another example of problems the police department has with using excessive force.

Officer Matthew Marin shot 45-year-old Brian Claunch early Saturday after responding to a call that the man, who reportedly lost two limbs in a train accident, was causing a distur-



This undated photo provided by the Harris County Guardianship Program shows Brian Claunch. Houston police say an officer fatally shot Claunch when another officer was cornered by the double amputee who was wielding what turned out to be a ballpoint pen.

(AP Photo/Harris County Guardianship Program)

bance. Police have said Claunch cornered and threatened Marin, who reportedly told investigators he didn't know the object in Claunch's hand was a pen.

John Garcia, who owns the group home, told reporters over the weekend that Claunch liked to draw.

Police spokeswoman Jodi Silva said she didn't know if FBI assistance in officer-involved shootings was rare, but said "it's the step we're taking at this point."

The Greater Houston Coalition for Justice, a group that includes 16 local and national civil rights organizations, suggested Claunch's death was part of a bigger problem at the police department.

"The deeper problem is a failure to discipline for excessive force, especially in the area of shootings," said Randall Kallinen, a member of the group and local a civil rights attorney.

### Nazi hunter:

## Old age shouldn't protect suspects

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Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The German-led investigation of an 87-year-old Philadelphia man suspected of serving as an SS guard at the Auschwitz death camp sends a powerful message that age is no barrier to investigating alleged Nazi activity, the chief Nazi hunter with the Simon Wiesenthal Center said Monday.

Germany launched a war crimes investigation against Johann "Hans" Breyer after years of failed attempts by the U.S. to revoke his citizenship.

"Old age should not protect people who committed such heinous crimes," Efraim Zuroff said Monday by phone from Israel. Breyer, who has resolutely denied the allegations

against him, told The Associated Press in an interview at his home last week that he was never at the camp.

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**Army general:**

## Pacific refocus means more exercises

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**Associated Press**

**FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii (AP)**

— The leader of U.S. Army forces in Asia and the Pacific says his soldiers will be able to conduct more exercises with other nations in the region, as the U.S. withdraws from Afghanistan and the military refocuses its attention.

Lt. Gen. Francis J. Wiercinski, the commander of U.S. Army Pacific, said he'd like U.S. soldiers to undertake more exercises with counterparts from nations such as Indonesia, Malaysia and India. The Army will also be able to have more active duty soldiers, instead of reserves, participate in exercises with allies such as Japan. "We've been engaged, obviously, in the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, and that's where we've had to focus — for all the right reasons,"

Wiercinski told The Associated Press in an interview at his headquarters in Hawaii. "But now that we're having this opportunity, we can get back into the Pacific with our partners here."

The Army has 70,000 soldiers and 12,000 civilians at installations in the Asia-Pacific region.

U.S. military leaders and diplomats have increasingly emphasized the importance of Asia and the Pacific as the region's economies grow and gain clout. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta stressed last week that the U.S. pivot to the Pacific isn't aimed at contain-

ing or threatening China, which now has the world's second-largest economy after the U.S. But Washington has criticized China for

Australia city of Darwin. The Navy next year plans to begin deploying a littoral combat ship — a new type of vessel that can operate



**In a Sept. 21, 2012 photo, Lt. Gen. Francis J. Wiercinski, the commander of U.S. Army Pacific, poses before a map highlighting his area of responsibility at Fort Shafter, Hawaii. The leader of U.S. Army forces in Asia and the Pacific said his soldiers will be able to exercise more with other nations as the U.S. draws down from Afghanistan and the military refocuses its attention on the region.**

**(AP Photo/Audrey McAvoy)**

lacking transparency while it has rapidly modernized its military and boosted military spending.

The Pentagon in January issued a new national defense strategy declaring that the U.S. would "rebalance" toward the region, noting U.S. economic and security interests are inextricably linked to developments in the area.

Examples of the strategy are slowly emerging.

Last year, the U.S. and Australia announced an agreement for up to 2,500 U.S. Marines to rotate through a joint military training hub in the northern

closer to shore than other ships — to Singapore.

The Air Force, meanwhile, plans to make greater use of airfields and bombing ranges in the Australian Outback.

Wiercinski said the Army doesn't want to set up new bases. Instead, he spoke of soldiers training with other nations to get a feel for cultures, terrain and interaction with U.S. allies.

"We're not talking about putting bases in other countries or a permanent presence anywhere," he said. "We're talking about rotating — 30, 40 days at a pop." □

## Ex-prof gets life term for meeting rampage

**JAY REEVES**

**Associated Press**

**HUNTSVILLE, Alabama (AP)**

— A Harvard-educated biologist was sentenced to life in prison without parole Monday after being convicted of going on a shooting rampage during a faculty meeting at an Alabama university, killing three colleagues and wounding three others in 2010.

The jury deliberated for about 20 minutes before convicting Amy Bishop. The former professor at the University of Alabama in Huntsville showed no reaction as the verdict was read. She did not speak in court, but her attorney said she has often expressed great remorse to the victims and their families.

"She is shattered beyond belief," attorney Roy Miller said.

Bishop avoided a death sentence by pleading guilty earlier this month to the shootings on Feb. 12, 2010. Before the guilty plea, her attorneys had said they planned to use an insanity defense.

However, she was still required to have a brief trial because she admitted to a capital murder charge.

And she still could face a trial in Massachusetts, where she is charged in the 1986 killing of her 18-year-old brother. Seth Bishop's death had been ruled an accident after Amy Bishop told investigators she shot him in the family's Brain-



**In this Sept. 11, 2012, file photo, Amy Bishop, accused of killing three and injuring three others in a Feb. 12, 2010 shooting at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, walks into a courtroom at the Madison County Courthouse in Huntsville, Ala. Bishop pleaded guilty to capital murder charges in an agreement that will send to her prison for the rest of her life and make her ineligible for the death penalty. A judge scheduled jury selection for Monday, Sept. 24, 2012, as a trial is still required under Alabama law because Bishop admitted to a capital charge of murder.**

**(AP Photo/Eric Schultz)**

tree home as she tried to unload her father's gun. But the Alabama shootings prompted a new investigation and charges. Prosecutors had said they will wait until after sentencing in the Alabama case to determine whether to put Bishop on trial in Massachusetts. Bishop killed her boss, biology department chairman Gopi Padila, plus professors Maria Ragland Davis and Adriel Johnson. Professors Joseph Leahy, staff aide Stephanie Monticciolo and assistant professor Luis Cruz-Vera were shot and wounded. □





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# In death, panda cub reveals how little is known

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The giant panda cub that died Sunday morning had uneven coloring and hardness in her liver, officials at the Smithsonian National Zoo in Washington said Monday.

That information came from a preliminary necropsy, but it was not a conclusive cause of the sudden death of the 6-day-old female cub, who was heard grunting just 17 minutes before she was found lifeless, zoo officials said. Final results of a full necropsy will not be available for another two weeks.

The cub's sudden death came as a dispiriting shock to the zoo, which has invested millions of dollars in efforts to propagate the beloved but endangered species, and it opened a window into the fraught world of captive breeding. "Conservation is a life and death business," said Pamela Baker-Masson, associate director of communications for the zoo. "This one was particularly devastating for us."

After her first seemingly healthy days, the cub was discovered on the floor in the pandas' den early Sunday after her mother, Mei Xiang, let out honks of distress.

Zoo patrons had expressed concern that the cub's

217-pound mother had crushed the baby, who weighed just 4 ounces – as little as half a stick of butter – in her arms. But the nec-

ropsy found no outward signs of trauma or infection, the zoo's chief veterinarian, Suzan Murray, said at a news conference. The cub's liver, which was roughly the size of a lima bean, was hard to the touch in several spots, Murray said. Also worrisome, she said, were small amounts of liquid in the panda's abdomen. The liquid itself was not thought to be enough to cause death, Murray said, but could be a sign of liver malfunction.

One of the challenges in breeding pandas, as well as many other critically endangered species, is that little is known about either

lishing what, say, a normal liver of a week-old panda might look like. What is known is that panda cubs do not have a high

conceive at the zoo. The female panda in residence at the zoo in the 1980s, Ling-Ling, had five cubs, all of whom died; three were stillborn and two died of pneumonia.

Pandas born in captivity have not been successfully reintroduced to supplement the fewer than 1,600 pandas remaining in the wild. However, the 300 or so captive animals, most held in a panda reserve outside of Chengdu, China, do play a critical role in research and act as an insurance genetic bank for the wild population.

The most important function of a baby panda at a zoo is to act as a fundraiser. A new panda cub would "inspire and grab the attention of millions and billions, and therefore we can explain the plight of their cousins to a broader audience," said Sybille Klenzen-dorf, managing director of species conservation for World Wildlife Fund. □



Lorenzo Lumbang, of Los Angeles, holds merchandise in a gift shop near the Panda House at the National Zoo in Washington, Sept. 24, 2012. The zoo's one-week old giant panda cub was found dead Sunday morning. "It was devastating," Lumbang said.

(Luke Sharrett/The New York Times)

their behavior or specific biology in the wild. Consequently zoos have very few markers to refer to in estab-

rate of survival in either zoos or the wild. Mei Xiang has had only one cub in more than a decade of trying to

conceive at the zoo. The female panda in residence at the zoo in the 1980s, Ling-Ling, had five cubs, all of whom died; three were stillborn and two died of pneumonia.

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## Hamas leader Mashaal says he will step down

**IBRAHIM BARZAK**  
**Associated Press**

**GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)** — The supreme leader of the Palestinian Islamic militant group Hamas has decided to step down, clearing the way for the movement to choose a new head for the first time in more than 15 years, two senior officials said Monday. Khaled Mashaal told a recent meeting in Cairo of Hamas' leadership that he would not run in upcoming elections for the top position, said Izzat Rishq, a confidant of Mashaal who attended the gathering. Moussa Abu Marzouk, Mashaal's deputy, also confirmed the decision. Mashaal will remain in his post until a new leader is chosen, most likely by the end of the year. Hamas officials said the leadership change would not affect its confrontational approach to Israel. The group's founding charter calls for the destruction of the Jewish state, and its leaders have staunchly rejected Palestinian peace efforts with Israel. It may however impact the balance between exiles like Mashaal, who tended to favor reconciliation with other

Palestinian groups, and influential members from the group's Gaza Strip stronghold who are more reluctant to give up their grip on power. Mashaal's announcement comes at a turbulent time for Hamas. Officials said Mashaal was motivated by a number of factors, including the Arab Spring protests jolting the region and the simmering struggle between Gaza and the exiles. Mashaal has led Hamas since 1996, helping to build the movement into a potent force. Under his leadership, Hamas carried out numerous suicide bombings and other attacks that killed hundreds of Israelis during a Palestinian uprising a decade ago. He also survived an Israeli assassination attack in 1997. The group has been branded a terrorist organization by Israel, the U.S. and the EU. Forging an alliance with Iran and Syria, where the group has maintained its headquarters, it also has become an important regional political player. □

## UK to extradite radical Muslim cleric to US

**SYLVIA HUI**  
**Associated Press**

**LONDON (AP)** — A European court ruled Monday that radical Muslim cleric Abu Hamza al-Masri can be extradited to the United States to face terrorism charges, including allegedly trying to set up an al-Qaida training camp in rural Oregon. The decision ends a long-running legal battle and means that al-Masri, considered one of Britain's most notorious extremists, could be deported within weeks along with four other terrorism suspects in Britain. Authorities in the U.S. have for years asked for Al-Masri and the others to be handed over, but the process had been delayed because the men raised human rights objections. The men had argued before the European Court of Human Rights that they could face prison conditions and jail terms in the U.S. that would expose them to "torture or inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment" in



Radical Muslim cleric Abu Hamza al-Masri (front) has lost a court appeal to be extradited to the United States to face terrorism charges, including allegedly trying to set up an al-Qaida training camp in rural Oregon, officials said Monday Sept. 24, 2012. The European Court of Human Rights gave its final approval for the cleric's extradition Monday, ending a long-running legal battle. The decision means that al-Masri, considered one of Britain's most notorious extremists, could be deported within weeks. (AP Photo/Max Nash/File)

breach of the European human rights code. In April, the Strasbourg, France-based court rejected those claims. Al-Masri and the four others lodged an appeal to the court's highest judges,

but on Monday the court said it refused to hear it. "Today the Grand Chamber Panel decided to reject the request," the court said in a brief statement. It did not give a reason for refusing the appeal. □

## Israeli defense chief proposes West Bank pullout

**JOSEF FEDERMAN**  
**Associated Press**

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Israel's defense minister on Monday called for a broad unilateral withdrawal from the West Bank if talks with the Palestinians remain stalled, saying in published comments that "practical steps" are needed to breathe life into the stalemated peace process. The proposal drew attention to the dire state of affairs with the Palestinians, which has been overshadowed by Israel's focus on the Iranian nuclear program. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, convinced that Tehran is pursuing nuclear weapons, says the Islamic Republic must

be stopped and has devoted his 3 1/2 year term to rallying international support against the Iranians. At the same time, he has largely ignored the Palestinian issue. In an interview with the Israel Hayom daily, Defense Minister Ehud Barak implied that the deadlock with the Palestinians cannot be sustained indefinitely. "It's better to reach an agreement with the Palestinians, but if that doesn't happen, we must take practical steps to start a separation," he said. "It will help us not only in dealing with the Palestinians, but also with other countries in the region, with the Europeans, and with the American administration — and of course

(will help) us." Barak's proposal is unlikely to be implemented, at least in the short term. Netanyahu has shown no interest in one-sided concessions, and his governing coalition is dominated by hard-liners who would be reluctant to embrace the plan. Netanyahu's office declined comment. The 12 million people who live in Israel and the Palestinian territories are divided roughly equally between Jews and Arabs. Most experts believe the Arab birthrate is higher, and that if Israel does not give up control of the West Bank, Jews will no longer be a majority in areas under Israeli control. □





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# Winter onset poses humanitarian crisis in Syria

**PAUL SCHEMM**  
**Associated Press**

**TEL RIFAAT, Syria (AP)** — The days are still warm across the fertile plains of northern Syria around Aleppo, but night brings a chill — an ominous harbinger of winter's approach and the deepening of the already severe humanitarian crisis gripping a country wracked by civil war.

Warm temperatures and plentiful food have cushioned the blow somewhat for hundreds of thousands of Syrians displaced from their homes or living in refugee camps across the border. But the arrival of near-freezing temperatures could mean greater suffering and even deaths from exposure, as international aid agencies scramble to cope.

Among the first things to go will be the practice of sleeping outside to avoid the artillery and airstrikes that rain down late night death on homes.

"Most people sleep in the fields at night, out of fear of the bombardments of the towns," said Abu Mohammed, who has taken to sleeping in the olive orchards outside Tel Rifaat, a rebel-controlled town north of Aleppo. "In the winter the suffering will only increase." Like many people in Syria, he asked that his real name not be used for fear of retribution should the government retake his town.

At a news conference earlier this month, actress Angelina Jolie, a special envoy for the U.N. Refugee Agency, reported that many of the refugees living in camps along the Turkish border were worried about the approach of cold weather.

"It is a very large concern for all of us, and I hope we can all work together to

make sure that ... nobody freezes to death in this very frightening time," she said.

As the second winter approaches in an 18-month-old conflict that has claimed more than 20,000 lives, fighting has spread to many more parts of the country and people's resources are dangerously low.

Abu Mustafa, Mohammed's brother, said the family survived last winter on savings, but now the financial situation is much worse.

"Last winter, people had money, but now people have nothing because there is no work," he said. "Most of the work was in Aleppo and most went there for jobs, but now they can't."

An agricultural breadbasket, northern Syria has food, but not everyone can afford it. In many cases, families are forced to flee to refugee camps on the border not only for fear of fighting but because they have run out of money for food.

The length of the conflict is also wearing people down, leaving them even more vulnerable, said Sybella Wilkes of the U.N. Refugee Agency.

"The more people are displaced, the longer they are living in difficult situations of hardship, the more stretched their coping skills are," she said.

The U.N. agency is planning a new international appeal to help the refugees on the borders, as well as those still inside the country, including winterizing tents and distributing blankets and warm clothing.

"Already ... the displaced are suffering from cold in the evening — this is a real concern," Wilkes said. She said the number of regis-



**A Syrian family, who fled their home due to government shelling, take refuge at Bab Al-Salameh crossing border, hoping to cross to one of the refugee camps in Turkey, near the Syrian town of Azaz. The days are still hot across the fertile plains of northern Syria, but at night there is a hint of a chill an ominous harbinger of winter's approach and the deepening of the humanitarian crisis gripping a country wracked by civil war.**  
(AP Photo/Muhammed Muheisen)

tered refugees has far exceeded earlier estimates, growing more than 12-fold from about 20,000 in June to 250,000 today.

Another 1.5 million Syrians are displaced inside the country, while an additional 1 million are in urgent need of assistance because they have run out of money for food and other essentials, according to U.N. Deputy Secretary-General Jan Eliasson. A \$180 million emergency response plan is only half-funded, he added.

Temperatures during the winter months can drop below freezing in northern Syria, and it often rains heavily. □

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# Argentine leader Fernandez challenges critics

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**Associated Press**

**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)** — President Cristina Fernandez is on a US tour this week with a message for critics on Wall Street and in Washington who say Argentina is headed for economic disaster by refusing to play by the rules of the global financial system: good riddance to the rules.

Her government has racked up a long list of unpaid IOUs while helping the country recover from its humiliating, world-record debt default a decade ago, but Fernandez argues Argentina's economic rebound has been possible precisely because its leaders have stood up to foreign pressures and put their people first. Argentines used to be "dazzled by the North," she said last month while inaugurating an expanded highway, one of many infrastructure projects she said would have been impossible had her government done as

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**Argentina's President Cristina Fernandez speaks at an event marking the anniversary of the stock exchange and the final payment on a bond given to people whose savings were confiscated a decade ago in Buenos Aires, Argentina. As Fernandez addresses the United Nations Tuesday, Sept. 25 and then seminars at Georgetown and Harvard later in the week, she's sure to insist, as she has often in the past, that her forceful management of the economy has made factories rebound, jobs more secure, society more egalitarian and the future brighter than it has been in years.**

(AP Photo/Eduardo Di Baia)

outsiders demand. "They hadn't noticed that the rich countries don't want partners or friends; they just want employees and subordinates. And we're not going to be

anybody's employees or subordinates. We are a free country, with dignity and national pride." Fernandez was meeting with billionaire George Soros and Egypt's new

president Mohamed Morsi on Monday, but was skipping a dinner that President Barack Obama is hosting for his fellow leaders at the Waldorf Hotel, planning instead to visit an Evita Peron exhibit at the Argentine consulate. As Fernandez addresses the United Nations Tuesday and then takes questions at Georgetown and Harvard later in the week, she's sure to insist, as she has often in the past, that her forceful management of the economy has made factories rebound, jobs more secure, society more egalitarian and the future brighter than it has been in years. Fernandez says corporations no longer tell Argentine presidents what to do, and instead must heel to a government that puts the people's needs first. Natural resources are once again sovereign, and Argentina is freer than ever from international debt obligations. □

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## Critics: Belarus elects entirely pro-government parliament

**YURAS KARMANAU**

**Associated Press**

**MINSK, Belarus (AP)** — International observers on Monday condemned a weekend vote in Belarus in which not a single opposition politician won a parliament seat. The election looks set to deepen the former Soviet nation's diplomatic isolation. Critics also said the 74.3 percent turnout reported Monday by the country's

Central Elections Commission chairman was way too high and indicated widespread fraud.

The main opposition parties, which were ignored by state-run media, boycotted the election to protest the detention of political prisoners and the ample opportunities for election fraud.

The vote filled parliament with representatives of the three parties that have

backed the policies of authoritarian President Alexander Lukashenko.

"This election was not competitive from the start," said Matteo Mecacci, leader of the observer mission of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. "A free election depends on people being free to speak, organize and run for office, and we didn't see that in this campaign." □



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# Masterpieces removed from Dutch Van Gogh Museum

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Associated Press  
AMSTERDAM (AP) — The operation began moments after the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam closed Sunday evening. Men re-

moved alarm tags from behind some of Vincent Van Gogh's greatest masterpieces, including "Sunflowers," "Irises" and the famously crooked "Bedroom," and quickly pulled

the paintings down from the museum's walls. Fortunately, they were not thieves carrying out an epic heist, but curators preparing the works for transport to a temporary location across

# U.K. politician under fire for alleged 'pleb' remark

JILL LAWLESS  
Associated Press  
LONDON (AP) — In class-conscious Britain, a Cabinet minister is in trouble over a four-letter word: "pleb."

The single syllable was reportedly not the most profane part of Andrew Mitchell's tirade at police officers who asked him to get off his bicycle as he passed through the gates of Downing Street. But it is the most incendiary — a pejorative term for the working class with a whiff of contempt that is bad news for a government often characterized as elitist.

Class distinctions are the great tugging undercurrent in British society — ever-present, endlessly debated, never resolved. The topic is a minefield for any politician keen to appeal to a wide range of voters. And the four-letter clanger attributed to Mitchell lands as a thudding reminder that class is still a potent and divisive aspect of British life.

Last week's altercation between the minister and police officers guarding the approach to the prime minister's residence has been seized on by the media and political opposition and escalated into a po-



**Government chief whip Andrew Mitchell arriving on his bicycle at Downing Street, London. The British Cabinet minister has apologized for an outburst in which he reportedly called police officers "plebs" — a derogatory term for the working class that has reinforced impressions of government elitism. Chief Whip Andrew Mitchell said Monday, Sept. 24, 2012, he didn't show the police the amount of respect he should have when an officer asked him to get off his bicycle to pass through the gates of Downing Street. However, he insists he didn't use the words attributed to him. (AP Photo/PA, Yui Mok)**

litical tempest with its own title: "Gategate."

Mitchell on Monday apologized for the incident, in which — according to press reports — he told the officers "Best you learn your (expletive) place. You don't run this (expletive) government. You're (expletive) plebs."

The Metropolitan Police force has not officially confirmed the account, but says it has launched an investigation into how internal police information was leaked to the press.

Mitchell conceded that he had lost his temper at "the end of a long and extremely frustrating day."

"I didn't show the police the amount of respect I should have done," Mitchell said. But, he added: "I want to make it absolutely clear that I did not use the words that have been attributed to me."

town where they will be on display for the next seven months while the museum is closed for renovations.

In all, 75 pieces — the cream of the biggest collection of Vincent Van Gogh's work — are moving to The Hermitage, an Amsterdam dependency of the Russian state museum.

Watching the lifeblood of his museum disappear, Director Axel Ruger said he wasn't nervous about the possibility the paintings could be damaged or stolen before they return next year. "We do this all the time" when individual paintings go on loan to another museum, he said. But never on this scale, he conceded. "I cannot really say much about the (security) measures that are being taken, because you will understand that we need to keep those confidential in order to safeguard the security of the transport," he said.

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## Hugo Chavez's record: an oil bonanza squandered?

IAN JAMES

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — On the streets of Caracas, vast slums blanket the hillsides while squatters hang laundry in the windows of abandoned buildings. Trash-strewn alleys are riddled with pot-holes and lined with broken streetlamps. The city's main waterway, the polluted Guaire River, is known more for sewage than swimming. While oil has ushered in spectacular construction projects for glittering Middle Eastern cities, including the world's tallest building in Dubai and plans for branches of the Louvre and Guggenheim museums in



In this Sept. 5, 2012 photo, people walk past campaign posters for President Hugo Chavez in Caracas, Venezuela. Associated Press

Chavez's tenure. The populist president has used the oil wealth to buttress his support through cash handouts, state-run grocery

afloat.

"It's overwhelmingly clear that Venezuela has wasted the windfall," said Francisco Monaldi, an economist and director of the International Center of Energy and the Environment at Caracas' IESA business school. "You should have had much greater economic growth, much greater reduction of poverty."

Among Latin American countries, the economies of Brazil, Chile, Peru and Argentina all have expanded

Figueroa, say Chavez has simply channeled money toward his "Chavista" supporters while neglecting deeply ingrained problems such as soaring murder rates, inflation, crumbling infrastructure and poor government services. Venezuela now ranks among the most violent and corrupt places on earth.

"The country is falling to pieces," Figueroa said. "Where is the oil money going?"

Where the money went

On a rutted unpaved road in the countryside outside Caracas, unemployed housewife Moreli Gonzalez lives in a shack with a dirt floor and walls made of rusting sheets of zinc. She is thankful to Chavez that she now receives a \$280-a-month cash benefit through a program called "Mothers of the Neighborhood Mission."

"Now we have everything," said Gonzalez, who credits a government education program with helping her learn to read — and a state-run grocery down the road that has made food more affordable.

"We eat better," she said, showing off cupboards filled with bags of rice and pasta. "My children didn't used to eat snacks. Now they eat well."

The government programs for the poor are why Oil Minister Rafael Ramirez recently boasted: "This was one country before President Chavez's government, and a different one afterward." He was referring to the more than \$300 billion that the government has spent during Chavez's tenure on "social development," including health care and education.



In this Sept. 4, 2012 photo, people ride in a cable car over the San Agustín slum of Caracas, Venezuela. Associated Press

Abu Dhabi, it's brought relatively meager changes to Venezuela, which holds the world's largest proven oil reserves.

Nearly 14 years after President Hugo Chavez took office, and despite the biggest oil bonanza in Venezuela's history, there's little outward sign of the nearly one trillion petrodollars that have flowed into the country.

Venezuela has undoubtedly changed during

stores and a gamut of other social programs. With more money in the economy, incomes are higher and the number of people living in poverty has fallen.

Unemployment has dropped from more than 13 percent in 1999 to about 8 percent. The country has also achieved rapid improvement on the U.N. Human Development Index, which measures a range of indicators from living standards to life expectancy.



In this Sept. 5, 2012 photo, a man sells fried plantains at a market in Caracas, Venezuela. Associated Press

"We're applying a successful program — successful politically, successful socially, successful economically," Chavez said at a news conference. "With flaws, of course, but it's successful. We're laying the foundations of a historic project that will take our entire lifetime."

All of which makes him a tough incumbent to beat in the upcoming Oct. 7 election.

Yet some experts say Chavez could have done much more to improve the country's infrastructure, boost its economy and invest in the very oil industry that keeps Venezuela

more rapidly than Venezuela's since Chavez took office in 1999, recording average growth between 3 and 5 percent a year.

Venezuela, by contrast, averaged a 2.8 percent annual increase of gross domestic product between 1999 and 2011, according to International Monetary Fund figures. By that measure, the country was outperformed by every other member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries except Libya. Even war-torn Iraq posted higher growth.

Some Venezuelans, such as tennis instructor Naybeth





## Westin's Client Appreciation Celebrations gets holiday buzz going!



**PALM BEACH** -- This past Friday evening, The Westin Resort & Casino, Aruba hosted a Client Appreciation event in the resort's Grand Caribbean Ballroom. The evening also marked the official introduction of Richard Kasofsky, the new director of catering and convention services. It was impossible not to get in the mood for the upcoming party season, with the ballroom chicly festive with a hint of what's in store for the

holidays and those choosing the Westin to host their events.

The food and beverage team showcased their creative culinary skills with inventive hors d'oeuvres and sweets that kept everyone nibbling throughout the evening. Decorating pros Fernando Mansur of Mosaic Events and Elsa's Flower Shop teamed up to create a gorgeous backdrop and add coziness and intimacy to

the large space of the ballroom.

The Westin boasts not one but two large ballrooms, perfect for large events, as well as several other smaller venues to host a variety of affairs. The holiday season is approaching fast, and believe it or not, bookings are already underway for the month of December, with many clients seizing the moment during Friday evening's event to reserve space for their parties. □





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PALM BEACH, ARUBA (SEPTEMBER 24, 2012) – New York's WCBS 101.1 FM is back in Aruba with the Dan Taylor Morning Show. The popular radio morning show is on air five days a week, attracting over 4.4 million listeners each week. Broadcasting live from the Aruba Marriott Resort for the third time, Dan shares his positive experiences of Aruba with his loyal listeners. Marriott guests got out bed early to greet the radio crew and reporting out to 'the folks back home'

about their vacation in Aruba. Dan chatted with Aruba Marriott's Director of Sales & Marketing Antoinette van den Berg about the new enhancements of the resort including the H2Oasis adult's only pool and the new direct flights from JFK to Aruba starting in December.

On Tuesday morning September 25, the live broadcast starts at 6 am – 10 am on the beach, in front of the Marriott hotel, at Waves Beach Bar & Grill. All guests are welcome to pass by. □

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# Rotary Club of Aruba welcomes Aruba PM Mike Eman



As part of their weekly program the Rotary Club of Aruba recently welcomed the Prime Minister of Aruba Mike Eman as their guest speaker. Minister Eman shared with the service club some of the developments within the last few years and his vision on the future of Aruba.

Minister Eman started off by taking us back to the 1950 where Aruba had one hotel on the strip. The economic development was slow on the Island.

The cities in the fifties were very quaint and life was very manageable.

Much has changed since then. Aruba grew the hospitality industry, its untapped potential and by 1986 we went from a GDP of 480 million to 2.9 billion. The large economic development created many job opportunities in Aruba. Minister Eman continued by quoting Robert F. Kennedy by saying "The gross national product does not allow for the health of our children, the quality of their education, or the joy of their play. It does not include the beauty of

our poetry or the strength of our marriages; the intelligence of our public debate or the integrity of our public officials. It measures neither our wit nor our courage; neither our wisdom nor our learning; neither our compassion nor our devotion to our country; it measures everything, in short, except that which makes life worthwhile. And it tells us everything about America except why we are proud that we are Americans."

The Prime Minister mentioned that in Aruba he sees many similarities to Bobby Kennedy quote. He continued by mentioning some of the completed and current projects that play a role in creating a balance in our society.

Minister Eman also spoke about one of his visions for the future, which is to have Aruba disconnected from oil dependency by 2020.

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# Coco is looking for friends!

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The volunteers of the sanctuary are hoping that somebody will adopt this friendly, lovely donkey. Of course the donkey will keep on living at the sanctuary; you only need to pay AWG. 30,- per month for the donkey's keep. With this amount you help support the sanctuary as well as your own donkey. And you will receive a beautiful certificate and a super T-shirt and your name and photo will be posted on our website. So please call the sanctuary at 593-2933; you can also register via the website [www.aruban-donkey.org](http://www.aruban-donkey.org) or donate money on bank account number 40.03.025 at the Aruba Bank! Just do it! Would you like to follow the donkeys on Facebook: surf to Donkey Sanctuary Aruba please. □

# Conference held between the U.S. Consulate General and members of the Aruba Hospitality & Security Foundation



FBI- graduate Roland W. Peterson and Dario F. Soemers, both of the Aruba Hospitality & Security Foundation, on Thursday Sept. 20, 2012, had a meeting with the US Consulate General: Ms. Valerie Belton, who is stationed in Curacao.

The Consulate General who seemed to be very well informed had interest in the Security conference the AH&SF recently held, and also had questions about the security and police service of the U.S. tourist in Aruba. Also the "special" training of our police officers by the U.S. was brought to the table. Both sides were very much satisfied with the results of the meeting and promised to meet again. □

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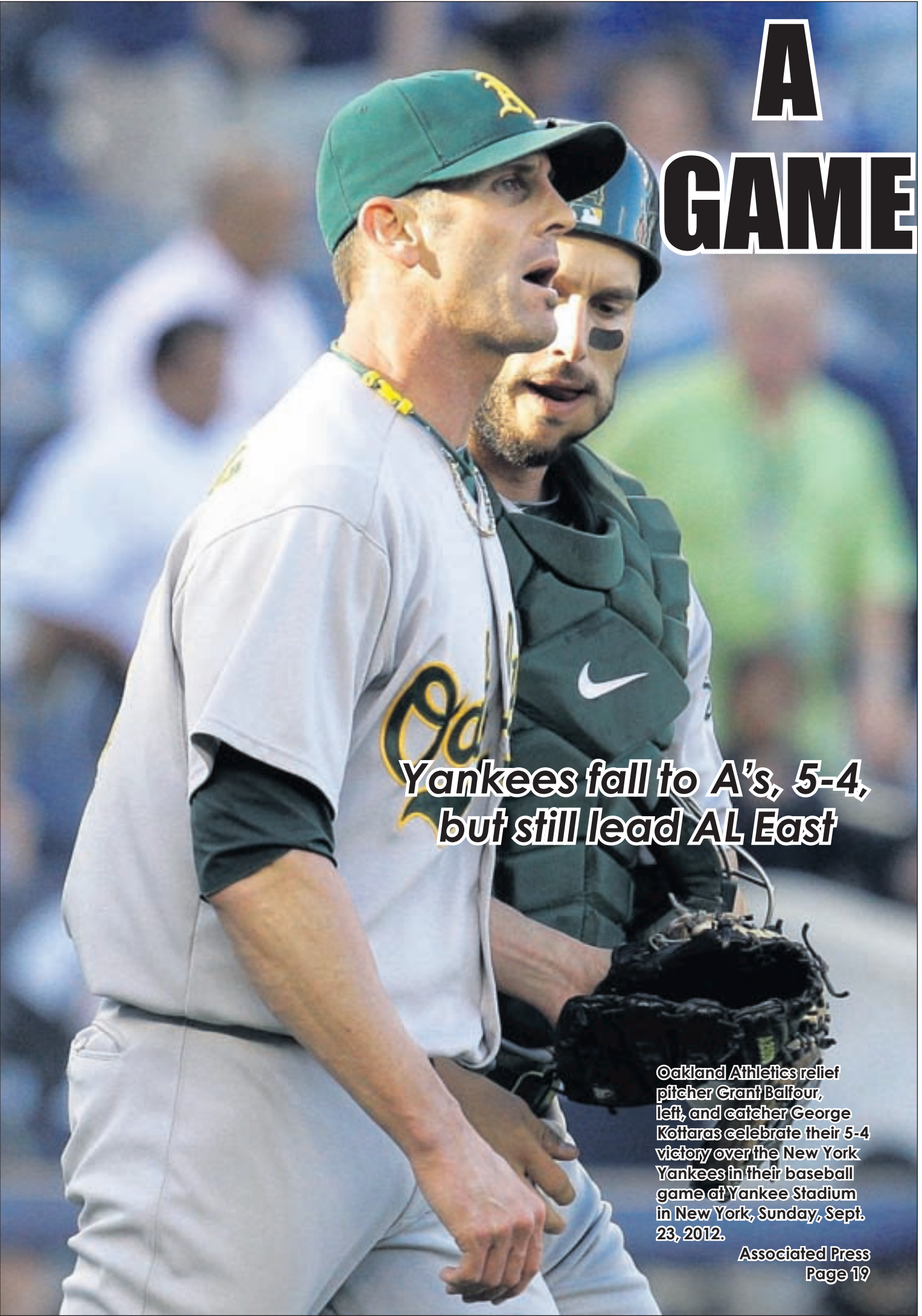
Luke Donald, of England, acknowledges the applause from the crowd after sinking his putt on the 17th hole during the final round of the Tour Championship golf tournament Sunday, Sept. 23, 2012, in Atlanta.

Associated Press

# Luke Donald: a 'hometown' star on the other team

**DOUG FERGUSON**  
AP Golf Writer  
**MEDINAH, Illinois (AP)** — The Ryder Cup comes to Chicago for the first time, and it's only fitting that the Windy City can claim one of the players as its own. Luke Donald spent four years at Northwestern, winning an NCAA title and graduating with a degree in art. He married a local girl and never found reason to settle anywhere else. He lives on the North Side and suffers annually with Cubs fans. After the Ryder Cup, he and his wife will pick apples in the country for her birthday. There's only one catch — Donald is English. The only "hometown" player in this Ryder Cup will be playing for the visiting team. "Unique, isn't it?" Donald said.

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# A GAME

## Yankees fall to A's, 5-4, but still lead AL East

Oakland Athletics relief pitcher Grant Balfour, left, and catcher George Kottaras celebrate their 5-4 victory over the New York Yankees in their baseball game at Yankee Stadium in New York, Sunday, Sept. 23, 2012.

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## Furniture Row hires Kurt Busch for '13 season

The Associated Press

**DENVER (AP)** -- Kurt Busch is ready for yet another new ride. Furniture Row Racing hired Busch on Monday to drive for the Colorado-based team in 2013. Busch will replace Regan Smith in the No. 78 Chevrolet. Busch was the 2004 NASCAR champion, but he split with Penske Racing at the end of last season because of his many off-track incidents. He spent this season driving for Phoenix Racing in the Sprint Cup series and his brother's Kyle Busch Motorsports in the Nationwide Series, where he won twice. The 34-year-old Busch has said his goal this season was to prove he deserved a chance with another top-tier team. With so few seats available, Furniture Row became the best option. Busch will drive for his third team in three years when he takes the wheel for Furniture Row. "Though we have made strides as a resourceful single-car Sprint Cup team, we are not where we want to be, which led us to the difficult decision of making a driver change as we move forward," said Furniture Row Racing's general manager Joe Garone. □

# Bartoli advances to 2nd round at Pan Pacific Open

JIM ARMSTRONG

AP Sports Writer

**TOKYO (AP)** — Marion Bartoli of France advanced to the second round of the Pan Pacific Open on Monday with a 6-1, 6-4 win over local favorite Kimiko Date-Krumm, who had to deal with the distraction of a rowdy fan.

After dominating the first set, the ninth-seeded Bartoli faced a tougher challenge from Date-Krumm, who came back from a 3-1 deficit in the second set.

"Playing her in Japan is a tough challenge," Bartoli said. "I expected her to fight to the end. I knew she would make a comeback in the second set and she did but that forced me to stay focused."

Date-Krumm, who turns 42 on Thursday, closed the gap to 5-4 but was undone by two unforced errors in the last game when she was forced to contend with a loud, intoxicated supporter.

"I heard it and found out after the match there was a drunken fan," Date-Krumm said. "Maybe he was cheering for me but



Marion Bartoli of France reacts after missing a shot during the first round match of the Japan Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament against Kimiko Date-Krumm of Japan in Tokyo, Monday, Sept. 24, 2012. Bartoli won 6-1, 6-4.

Associated Press

it was distracting and broke my concentration on some big points. It's too bad something like that can happen." Bartoli, who improved to 4-0 in head-to-head matches against Date-Krumm, said she has a lot of respect for the 107th-ranked Japanese player. "I would love to be able to play at her level at 42," Bartoli said. "I'm 27 and am amazed by her condition every time she steps on the court."

Bartoli will face Germany's Julia Goerges in the second round on Tuesday. Goerges beat Romanian Monica Niculescu 6-3, 6-2. Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark beat Bojana Jovanovski 6-0, 3-6, 6-4 to advance.

The 10th seeded Wozniacki won the Korea Open on Sunday and needed 2 hours, 17 minutes to beat the Serbian qualifier in Monday's evening match at Ariake Coliseum. □

## MLS Roundup

## Smith's late goal gives Rapids tie

The Associated Press

**VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP)** -- Jamie Smith, a second-half substitute, scored in the 86th minute to lift the Colorado Rapids into a 2-2 tie with the Vancouver Whitecaps on Sunday. Smith put in a shot from just inside the 18-yard box after the ball bounced a couple of times off the feet of Vancouver's Alain Rochat and Young-Pyo Lee. Colorado (9-18-3) avoided a 10th straight road loss that would have extended a club record.

The Whitecaps (10-12-8) are winless in six games but they moved two points ahead of idle Dallas in the race for the fifth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

The Rapids improved their playoff hopes slightly, moving within six points of Dallas and staying eight back of Vancouver.

Omar Cummings also scored for the Rapids. Rochat and second-half substitute Kenny Miller had goals for the Whitecaps, who overcame a 1-0, first-half deficit. □

## Luke Donald

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This is not the first time for a Ryder Cup held in the United States to include European players who make their primary home in America — Graeme McDowell, Ian Poulter and Justin Rose (Orlando, Florida), Paul Casey (Scottsdale, Arizona) and Jesper Parnevik (Jupiter, Florida) to name a few. But those are seen as golf communities. Chicago is among the world's great sports cities, and it's one of the best golf markets in America.

It is expected to be loud at Medinah when the matches begin Friday, and there is little doubt that will give the Americans a big edge in crowd support.

So where does that leave Donald?

"The way I look at it is the

home team has the biggest advantage," he said. "Just taking away 1 percent of the crowd support, that's a help to our team. And that's the way I'm looking at it. But, yeah, it's kind of odd. I don't play Medinah that much. I've played it twice in the last five weeks or something like that. I don't really go there that much. Staying in a hotel 20 miles away from where you live is kind of strange, but that's the way it goes."

Donald will have support from more than just a few friends and family members. Europeans are coming across for the Ryder Cup, too, and you'll be able to hear them singing around the first tee and belting out that "Ole, ole, ole ole" across the tree-lined course.

But it won't quite be the same as what Kenny Perry



Luke Donald, of England, hits out of the sand trap on the 17th hole during the final round of the Tour Championship golf tournament Sunday, Sept. 23, 2012, in Atlanta.

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and J.B. Holmes heard at Valhalla in their native Kentucky, the reception Pádraig Harrington and the Irish boys received at The K Club, Jose Maria Olazabal at Valderrama or Lee Westwood at The Belfry.

Donald is very much Eng-

lish. He just happens to love Chicago, which is why he never left.

He first saw the city during a brief recruiting trip in April. Donald got off the plane and saw snow covering the ground.

"I was wondering how I was

going to play golf in college when it was still a little chilly out," he said. "That was my first impression. And then my coach took me around to all the courses, just amazing golf courses. I had never seen anything like that coming from England. Also just amazed at college sports in general, just how big everything was. Our stadium was 55,000, and that was considered small in college sports. That's a big Premier League football stadium in England." It was at Northwestern that he met his wife, Diane. They started getting serious right before he turned pro, while she was still a sophomore at Northwestern. That was enough reason to stay, though not the only reason. Donald remains with Pat Goss, his coach at Northwestern. His friends outside golf are in Chicago. □



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## AL Capsules

# A's have final comeback in win over Yankees

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NEW YORK (AP) — Cliff Pennington hit a go-ahead single in the sixth inning after a key error by backup shortstop Eduardo Nunez and the Oakland Athletics bounced back to avoid a sweep, edging New York 5-4 Sunday and stopping the Yankees' seven-game winning streak.

A day after their stunning 14-inning loss, the A's held on to at least maintain their 2½-game lead for the second AL wild-card spot over the Angels, who played later. The Yankees kept their one-game lead in the AL East because Baltimore lost in Boston. Despite the defeat, the Yankees have to like their chances to win the division — their final 10 games are against three teams with records below .500.

RED SOX 2, ORIOLES 1  
BOSTON (AP) — Cody Ross doubled in the go-ahead

run in the eighth inning, Andrew Bailey escaped a bases-loaded jam in the ninth and the Red Sox ended Baltimore's six-game winning streak.

The Orioles began the day one game behind the first-place New York Yankees in the AL East and two games ahead of Oakland for the top wild-card spot in the league. Boston stopped its four-game losing streak after Dustin Pedroia led off the eighth with a double against Luis Ayala (5-5) and Ross followed with his tie-breaking hit.

A double by Jim Thome helped Baltimore load the bases with one out in the ninth. But Bailey got Manny Machado on a forceout at home and struck out pinch-hitter Ryan Flaherty to finish it.

ANGELS 4, WHITE SOX 1  
ANAHEIM, California (AP) — Jered Weaver kept the Angels within striking distance

in the AL wild-card chase, posting his league-leading 19th victory with a decision over the struggling White Sox. The White Sox lost their fifth in a row and led Detroit by a half-game in the AL Central. The Tigers lost the opener of their day-night doubleheader against Minnesota.

Albert Pujols reached the 100-RBI mark for the 11th time in 12 big league seasons with a two-run double as the Angels remained 2½ games behind Oakland for the second wild-card spot. Kendrys Morales hit a two-run homer that helped the Angels complete a three-game sweep.

Weaver (19-4) established a career high for wins. TWINS 10, TIGERS 4 GAME 1  
TWINS 2, TIGERS 1, 10 innings  
GAME 2

DETROIT (AP) — Jamey Carroll hit an RBI single in the 10th inning and the Twins beat Detroit, winning both



**Oakland Athletics' Cliff Pennington follows through on his second-inning, two-run home run off New York Yankees starting pitcher Hiroki Kuroda in their baseball game at Yankee Stadium in New York, Sunday, Sept. 23, 2012.**  
Associated Press

games of a doubleheader to prevent the Tigers from at least tying the Chicago White Sox atop the AL Central. Chicago still has a one-game lead in the division despite extending its losing streak to five with a 4-1 loss earlier in the day against the Los Angeles Angels. Detroit closer Jose Valverde (3-4) allowed pinch-hitter Denard Span to lead off the extra inning with a sin-

gle and gave up a one-out, fall-behind single to Carroll. Jared Burton (2-1) got the win and Glen Perkins pitched a perfect 10th for his 14th save in 17 chances. INDIANS 15, ROYALS 4  
KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP) — Carlos Santana hit two homers and drove in five runs as the Indians routed Kansas City in their highest-scoring game of the season.

# Commissioners target sites for 1st playoff final

By The Associated Press  
BCS conference commissioners have identified candidate cities to host the first championship game in college football's new postseason system, and the four current BCS bowls will be among the choices. The current BCS games - the Fiesta, Rose, Orange and Sugar bowls - are about to enter an exclusive negotiating period. BCS Executive Director Bill Hancock said Monday in a statement that the commissioners will begin talking to those organizers from those games immediately about the possibility of hosting the first national championship game to be played under the newly developed four-team playoff system on Jan. 15, 2015.

He did not identify other cities, but ESPN.com reported earlier Monday that the Georgia Dome in Atlanta and Dallas Cowboys Stadium would also be considered.

The original playoff plan called for open bidding for cities hoping to host the first national championship game in the new postseason format that will replace the Bowl Championship Series. But with the first game 28 months away, and semifinal sites still to be determined, along with other details to be worked out, the commissioners decided to expedite the process.

The plan still calls for open bidding to determine the sites of subsequent title games. The Rose Bowl, played in Pasadena, Calif., and the Orange Bowl, played in Miami, will be among the sites that host the national semifinals on a rotating basis for 12 years, starting with the 2014 season.

Five more sites will be picked, and the Fiesta Bowl in Glendale, Ariz., and the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans are expected to be among them. In years in which those sites do not host a semi-

final, they will host a high-payout bowl game. Atlanta, home of the Chick-fil-A Bowl, and Arlington, Texas, site of the Cotton Bowl, are also strong contenders to land spots in the rotation. Both of those cities, along with Houston and San Antonio, are in the running to host the new bowl created by the Big 12 and the Southeastern Conference. New Orleans is also in the running for that game, and is considered one of the favorites to land it, along with Arlington. The site of the so-called Champions Bowl is expected to be announced next month. Hancock did not specify when a site for the first national championship game in the new format will be announced, only that it would be "moving ahead over the next few weeks." He did say the selection process for the rest of the semifinal sites and subsequent championship games will begin "late this fall."



## NL Capsules

# Cardinals win for 6th time in 7 games, hold lead

Associated Press  
CHICAGO (AP) — Kyle Lohse and the short-handed St. Louis Cardinals won for the sixth time in seven games, holding their lead in the NL wild-card race with a 6-3 win Sunday over the Chicago Cubs.

Minus All-Stars Yadier Molina and Carlos Beltran from the starting lineup, the Cardinals stayed 2½ games ahead of Milwaukee for the second wild-card spot. Lohse (16-3) made his team-leading 32nd start, giving up three runs and five hits in six innings.

Jason Motte earned his sixth save in the Cardinals' last seven games, and now has 40 saves this season.

Molina did not play for the defending World Series champions because of lower back spasms, having hurt himself while getting out of the way of a pitch Saturday. The catcher was feeling better, manager Mike Matheny said, still had some discomfort.

Cubs starter Justin Germano (2-9) worked 5 2-3 innings, giving up four earned runs and 10 hits.

BREWERS 6, NATIONALS 2



**St. Louis Cardinals' Pete Kozma (38) celebrates with teammate Kyle Lohse (26), after hitting a solo home run in the sixth inning during a baseball game against the Chicago Cubs in Chicago, Sunday, Sept. 23, 2012. St. Louis won 6-3.**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jonathan Lucroy had a pair of RBI singles and Milwaukee beat Washington to keep

the Brewers in the playoff chase. Rickie Weeks had three hits while Aramis Ramirez had

two doubles for Milwaukee, which twice benefitted from Washington outfielders losing fly balls in the sun.

The Brewers are 2½ games behind St. Louis for the final NL wild-card berth.

Washington (92-60) leads the NL East by 4½ games over Atlanta, a 2-1 winner over Philadelphia Sunday. The Nationals magic number to clinch the division remains at six.

Reliever Brandon Kintzler (3-0) pitched a scoreless sixth inning for the win. John Axford recorded the final out with two runners on for his 33rd save.

Losing pitcher Ryan Mattheus (5-3) allowed three earned runs on four hits.

BRAVES 2, PHILLIES 1

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Tim Hudson tossed two-hit ball over 7 1-3 innings to help the Braves move to the brink of a playoff spot with a win over the Phillies.

Hudson (16-6) struck out four and allowed one unearned run to send the Braves back to Atlanta with a shot at winning an NL wild-card berth.

A year after a historic September collapse, the Braves are again close to a postseason spot. They can clinch during a six-game homestand that opens Tuesday.

## Former heavyweight champ Corrie Sanders shot dead

By GERALD IMRAY

AP Sports Writer

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) -- Corrie Sanders, the South African southpaw who knocked out Wladimir Klitschko in one of the great upsets in heavyweight boxing, has died after being shot by robbers at a restaurant during a family celebration. The former WBO and WBU champion was 46. Sanders was shot in the hand and stomach at a family member's 21st birthday party at the restaurant in Brits, in South Africa's North West province, on Saturday night, police said. He died in a hospital in the capital city of Pretoria in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Police Brigadier Thulani Ngubane said three armed men entered the restaurant with the apparent intention to rob it and shot randomly, hitting Sanders. No other injuries were reported. The robbers took a cellphone and a bag from customers, Ngubane said.

No arrests had been made but a murder investigation has been opened.

Renowned for his hand speed, the 6-foot-4 Sanders was one of South Africa's most successful and popular fighters after a nearly 20-year professional career.

He retired in 2008 with a 42-4 record, with 31 knockouts. But he was most remembered for the shocking second-round knockout

of Klitschko in Germany in 2003 that earned him the WBO title and respect across the world as a wily, fast and clever fighter and powerful puncher.

It is one of only three losses for the Ukrainian and current WBO champion. Sanders agreed to the fight on short notice and was a 40-1 underdog. The result was voted as the upset of the year by Ring Magazine.

He then lost to Wladimir's older brother Vitali for the vacant WBC title the following year, Vitali's first fight for the title he still holds. Sanders had earlier relinquished his WBU crown in a seventh-round stoppage by Hasim Rahman after being ahead in their fight in 2000.



**In this Saturday, April 24, 2004 file photo Corrie Sanders trades blows with Vitali Klitschko, left, during the first round of their 12-round WBC heavyweight championship bout in Los Angeles.**  
Associated Press

Born in Pretoria, Sanders began his professional boxing career in 1989 with a first-round TKO of King Kong Dyubele. Eighteen of the fast-starting Sanders' 31 career knockouts came in the

first round.

Sanders hung up his gloves in 2008 after being knocked out by Osborne Machimana for the South African heavyweight title - in the first round.



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# Jets' Revis has torn ACL, will likely miss season

By DENNIS WASZAK Jr.  
AP Sports Writer  
FLORHAM PARK, N.J. (AP) -- The NFL's top shutdown cornerback will likely be shut down for the season. Darrelle Revis has a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee that will require surgery, a huge blow for the New York Jets that leaves coach Rex Ryan without his best defensive player. A somber Ryan stopped short of ruling Revis out for the season on Monday, saying he just learned of the MRI results. But Revis will have to wait two or three weeks before surgery, Ryan said, and the recovery from an ACL tear is usually six-to-nine months. So the chances of Revis returning this season appear extremely slim.

Ryan added that he will speak with Revis before the team decides whether he will be placed on injured reserve, a move that could happen as early as Tuesday. "It's just disappointing," Ryan said. "This guy wants to win. As great a player as he is individually, he's a great teammate and just wants to win. That's why he was so excited about this year." The 27-year-old Revis was injured in the third quarter of the Jets' 23-20 overtime victory at Miami on Sunday, falling awkwardly and grabbing his knee even before he hit the grass. It was a non-contact injury, and he covered his face with gloved hands in obvious pain. He was able to walk off the field, but was taken



In this Sunday, Sept. 23, 2012 file photo, New York Jets trainers attend to cornerback Darrelle Revis (24) during the second half of an NFL football game against the Miami Dolphins, in Miami. Associated Press

## Daly hopes NHL labor talks will resume this week

TORONTO (AP) — NHL Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly hopes negotiations with the players' association will resume this week as the sides seek to end the nine-day lockout. Daly spoke to reporters after meeting with union officials on Monday about last year's hockey-related revenue. There were no negotiations on a new collective bargaining agreement. Daly says a new proposal from the NHLPA would spark talks. The most recent offer was made by the league on Sept. 12, the last time formal negotiations took place. Commissioner Gary Bettman and union head Donald Fehr sat out Monday's meeting.



This Aug. 14, 2012 file photo shows NHL commissioner Gary Bettman, left, and Bill Daly, deputy commissioner and chief legal officer, following collective bargaining talks in Toronto. Daly says the owners and players are both to blame for their failure to reach a new collective bargaining agreement before the Saturday deadline for a work stoppage. Daly wrote in an email to The Associated Press that he hoped both sides would meet before Saturday. Associated Press

into the locker room on a golf cart.

"Thanks for all the support!" Revis wrote on his Twitter page on Monday night. "It's just part of the game, I'm already on my way to recover!" Ryan suspected the injury was serious when he talked to Revis on the plane ride home. MRI results Monday morning confirmed the team's worst fears. "It's something we have to overcome as a football team. ... We're going to lose that presence. I don't know what else to say about it," Ryan said. "I guess that's the horrible thing that came out of the game." This was Revis' first game after missing a week with a concussion sustained in the season opener against Buffalo. He had missed only three games before this season, all in 2010.

"I know the way Darrelle is that this is a guy who's as

competitive as it gets, and I don't think there's any doubt that he's going to come back strong from it," Ryan said.

The Jets will be without perhaps the NFL's top cornerback on a defense Ryan had considered his best since the coach came to New York. Kyle Wilson, the team's first-round draft pick in 2010, will step into Revis' starting role opposite Antonio Cromartie. Ellis Lankster will take Wilson's spot as the nickelback.

"I just feel like I'm going to go out there and I'm going to continue to do my job," Wilson said. "Go out there, make plays and have fun. Just play my game, that's all I can do."

Wilson, who has trained in the offseason with Revis the last two summers, will continue to talk to him and get tips and suggestions throughout the season.



# Findings may lead to new breast cancer treatments

Gina Kolata  
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In findings that are fundamentally reshaping the scientific understanding of breast cancer, researchers have identified four genetically distinct types of the cancer. And within those types, they found hallmark genetic changes that are driving many cancers. These discoveries are expected to lead to new treatments with drugs already approved for cancers in other parts of the body and new ideas for more precise treatments aimed at genetic aberrations that now have no known treatment. The study, published online on Sunday in the journal *Nature*, is the first comprehensive genetic analysis of breast cancer, which kills

more than 35,000 women a year in the United States. The new paper, and several smaller recent studies,

are electrifying the field. "This is the road map for how we might cure breast cancer in the future," said



**Dr. Charles Perou of the University of North Carolina, left, who is the lead author of a study that helped identify four genetically distinct types of breast cancer, in Irving, Texas, Sept. 21, 2012; and doctor and breast cancer researcher Matthew Ellis, of Washington University, right, whose research helped identify four genetically distinct types of breast cancer, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Sept. 21, 2012.**  
**The New York Times**



**Elizabeth Stark, who has a basal-type breast cancer, hugs her daughter Kaci, 10, after she was dunked in a tank at a carnival, in St. Louis, Sept. 21, 2012.**  
**(Dilip Vishwanat/The New York Times)**

Dr. Matthew Ellis of Washington University, a researcher for the study. Researchers and patient advocates caution that it will still take years to translate the new insights into transformative new treatments. Even within the four major types of breast cancer, individual tumors appear to be driven by their own sets of genetic changes. A wide variety of drugs will most likely need to be developed to tailor medicines to individual tumors. "There are a lot of steps that turn basic science into clinically meaningful results," said Karuna Jaggar, executive director of Breast Cancer Action, an advocacy group. "It is the 'stay tuned' story." The study is part of a large federal project, the Cancer Genome Atlas, to build maps of genetic changes in common cancers. Reports on similar studies of lung and colon cancer have been published recently. The breast cancer study was based on an analysis of tumors from 825 patients. "There has never been a breast cancer genomics project on this scale," said the atlas' program director, Brad Ozenberger of the National Institutes of Health. The investigators identified at least 40 genetic alterations that might be attacked by drugs. Many of them are already being developed for other types of cancer that have the same mutations. "We now have a good view of what goes wrong in breast cancer," said Joe Gray, a

genetic expert at Oregon Health & Science University, who was not involved in the study. "We haven't had that before." The study focused on the most common types of breast cancer that are thought to arise in the milk duct. It concentrated on early breast cancers that had not yet spread to other parts of the body in order to find genetic changes that could be attacked, stopping a cancer before it metastasized. The study's biggest surprise involved a particularly deadly breast cancer whose tumor cells resemble basal cells of the skin and sweat glands, which are present in the deepest layer of the skin. These breast basal cells form a scaffolding for milk duct cells. Such cancers are often called triple negative but the study researchers call them basal-like. Basal-like cancers are most frequent in younger women, in African-Americans and in women with breast cancer genes BRCA1 and BRCA2. And, the researchers report, their genetic derangements make these cancers a much closer kin of ovarian cancers than of other breast cancers. Basal-like breast cancers also resemble squamous cell cancer of the lung. "It's incredible," said Dr. James Ingle of the Mayo Clinic, one of the study's 348 authors, of the ovarian cancer connection because they are associated with heart damage and leukemia." □

## New SARS-like virus detected in Middle East

MARIA CHENG  
AP Medical Writer  
LONDON (AP) — Global health officials are closely monitoring a new respiratory virus related to SARS that is believed to have killed at least one person in Saudi Arabia and left a Qatari citizen in critical condition in London. The germ is a coronavirus, from a family of viruses that cause the common cold as well as SARS, the severe acute respiratory syndrome that killed some 800 people, mostly in Asia, in a 2003 epidemic. In the latest case, British officials alerted the World Health Organization on Saturday of the new virus in a man who transferred from Qatar to be treated in London. He had recently traveled to Saudi Arabia and is now being treated in an intensive care unit after suffering kidney failure. WHO said virus samples from the patient are almost identical to those of a 60-year-old Saudi national who died earlier this year. The agency isn't currently recommending travel restrictions and said the

source of infection remains unknown. Health officials don't know yet whether the virus could spread as rapidly as SARS did or if it might kill as many people. SARS, which first jumped to humans from civet cats in China, hit more than 30 countries worldwide after spreading from Hong Kong. "It's still (in the) very early days," said Gregory Hartl, a WHO spokesman. "At the moment, we have two sporadic cases and there are still a lot of holes to be filled in." He added it was unclear how the virus spreads. Coronaviruses are typically spread in the air but Hartl said scientists were considering the possibility that the patients were infected directly by animals. He said there was no evidence yet of any human-to-human transmission. "All possible avenues of infection are being explored right now," he said. No other countries have so far reported any similar cases to WHO, he said, and so far there is no connection

between the cases except for a history of travel in Saudi Arabia. Hartl said the first patient may have had an underlying condition but it probably didn't make him more susceptible to catching the virus. Other experts said it was unclear how dangerous the virus is. "We don't know if this is going to turn into another SARS or if it will disappear into nothing," said Michael Osterholm, a flu expert at the University of Minnesota. He said it was crucial to determine the ratio of severe to mild cases. Osterholm said it was worrying that at least one person with the disease had died. "You don't die from the common cold," he said. "This gives us reason to think it might be more like SARS," which killed about 10 percent of the people it infected. Britain's Health Protection Agency and WHO said in statements that the 49-year-old Qatari national became ill on Sept. 3, having previously traveled to Saudi Arabia. □





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## Toyota plans expanded range of hybrids in next three years



**Toyota Motor Corp.'s newly-developed compact electric vehicle "eQ" runs during a test drive at a press event in Tokyo Monday, Sept. 24, 2012.**  
**Associated Press**

YURI KAGEYAMA  
AP Business Writer  
TOKYO (AP) — Toyota Motor Corp. is boosting its green vehicle lineup, with plans for 21 new hybrids in the next three years, a new electric car later this year and a fuel cell vehicle by 2015 in response to growing demand for fuel efficient and environmentally friendly driving.

Toyota said Monday it will offer an electric compact called eQ, based on its iQ model, in Japan and the U.S. in December though the number of the vehicles made will be extremely limited — about 100 for special fleet use, according to the company. The car, which will be called the iQ EV in the U.S., is pricey at 3.6 million yen (\$45,000) and has a limited cruise range of 100 kilometers (62 miles). In the U.S., an electric version of the Rav-4 sport utility model, which Toyota worked on with U.S. electric vehicle maker Tesla Motors, goes on sale this month. The fuel cell vehicle, which runs on hydrogen to produce electricity, will be offered from 2015. Details for that model were not released. Like other Japanese auto-

makers, Toyota is gearing up for expansion after getting battered the last few years by the financial crisis and disasters in northeastern Japan and Thailand that disrupted production. The manufacturer is also counting on its reputation for green technology that it has built with its hit Prius, the world's leading gas-electric hybrid, to woo buyers and fix its brand battered by the massive recall scandal in the U.S. a few years ago. But rivals are working on green offerings, too, such as Nissan Motor Co. focusing on its Leaf electric car. Another challenge is that customers in emerging markets, which are driving growth in demand for autos, are still not as interested in hybrids and other fancy — and expensive — technology.

Takeshi Uchiyamada, the executive overseeing technology and new model development at Toyota, said the long-term potential for fuel cells was great, compared to electric cars, because of greater cruise range and shorter charging time. He said tens of thousands of fuel cell vehicles were likely to get sold in the 2020s.

A good compromise at the moment is the plug-in hybrid, which works as an electric vehicle until the battery runs down, and then switches to its hybrid motor, so there's less chance of being stranded than with a standard electric car. Toyota has sold 15,600 of its plug-in vehicle since launching it earlier this year.

Uchiyamada said the positive reception for new technology, such as the hybrid, surprised Toyota, underlining the deep interest the public has in reducing emissions and protecting the environment. Although annual hybrid sales were tiny when the Prius first went on sale in 1997, such sales have grown to more than one million a

year worldwide, comprising 10 percent of Toyota's global sales. In Japan, where green subsidies have been a big plus in recent years, hybrids make up nearly half Toyota's sales, Uchiyamada, the engineer known as "the father of the Prius," said. "The public's consciousness is a lot higher than we ever imagined," he said. □



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# Kellogg wants China to wake up with its breakfast cereals

**CANDICE CHOI**

**AP Food Industry Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Kellogg is hoping it can finally turn cereal into a breakfast staple in China.

The maker of Frosted Flakes, Pop-Tarts and Eggo waffles says that it formed a joint venture to expand the distribution of its cereals and snacks in the country as early as next year. The breakfast giant says the deal will tap the infrastructure and local expertise of Wilmar International, a Singapore-based agribusiness.

The Battle Creek, Mich.-based company also plans to use the deal to sell Pringles chips, which it acquired earlier this year to grow its international business.

Kellogg Co. currently gets most of its revenue from North America, where growth in the packaged food industry has been relatively weak. But like other companies, Kellogg is increasingly casting its sights on developing markets such as China and India, where the appetite for convenience foods is growing more quickly.

Kellogg notes that China is expected to be the largest food and beverage market within the next five years, as the ranks of middle-class

consumers continue to multiply in large cities. As for cereal, the company says consumption is rising as milk becomes a more common

in China doesn't taste the same as in the U.S. because it tends to be watered down and filled with additives, French said.



**Kellogg's cereal is on display at a grocery market in Pittsburgh. Kellogg is hoping it can finally turn cereal into a breakfast staple in China. The maker of Frosted Flakes, Pop-Tarts and Eggo waffles announced Monday, Sept. 24, 2012, that it formed a joint venture to expand the distribution of its cereals and snacks in the country as early as next year. The breakfast giant says the deal will tap the infrastructure and local expertise of Wilmar International, a Singapore-based agribusiness. The Battle Creek, Mich.-based company**

(AP Photo/Gene J. Puskar)

part of the diet.

China's past scandals with tainted milk nevertheless remain a major stumbling block for cereal makers, says Paul French, chief China market strategist for Mintel, a research firm.

"They've been having a go at trying to get them to eat (cereal) for some time," he said.

Another hurdle is that milk

When middle-class Chinese consumers do eat cereal, French said they typically opt for muesli-like brands rather than cornflakes, because they tend to contain dried fruit and are more akin to local products. He noted that the Chinese food maker Bright Foods earlier this year acquired a majority stake in Weetabix, which makes Alpen muesli. □

# US stocks drift as EU gloom returns

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U.S. stocks meandered sideways Monday as fears about Europe overshadowed recent excitement about central banks' efforts to boost the market. Stocks opened lower, recovered by mid-afternoon to nearly flat and closed down modestly.

An index of business confidence in Germany, the biggest economy in Europe, fell for a fifth straight month. Many economists had expected it to at least remain flat. Some think Germany is headed for a recession.

The threat of the years-old European debt crisis has seemed less immediate in recent weeks as central banks unveiled measures aimed at encouraging investment and boosting the global economy. The German report reignited those fears.

Stocks had risen strongly in recent weeks as traders anticipated, then received, help from the Federal Reserve in the form of an open-ended bond-buying program. The Fed will buy \$40 billion of mortgage bonds per month until the economy has improved.

"It's not unusual after big

moves for the market to, in essence, go quiet and wait for the next catalyst," said Quincy Krosby, market strategist with Prudential Financial. The next catalyst, Krosby said, is third-quarter earnings, which companies will begin to announce next month.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 20.55 points, or 0.2 percent, at 13,558.92. The Standard & Poor's 500 index declined 3.26, or 0.2 percent, to 1,459.89. Its two strongest groups were utilities and telecommunications, safer stocks that tend to do well in a weaker economy.

The Nasdaq composite index dropped 19.18 points, or 0.6 percent, to 3,160.78. The Nasdaq is heavy in technology shares, which were dragged lower by Apple.

As in the U.S., the concern in Germany is that an economy on the rebound will be weighed down by the rest of the European countries, half of which are already in recession.

Germany's economy grew 0.3 percent in the second quarter from the previous quarter, but a number of economists now believe the country will fall into a recession in the second half of the year. □

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## Oil spills below \$92

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Worries about weaker economic growth dragged down oil prices Monday. Oil has now fallen five of the last six trading days. It fell more than 6 percent last week.

Benchmark crude fell 96 cents, or 1 percent, to finish at \$91.93 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Prices for other petroleum products dropped, too.

In London, Brent crude dropped \$1.61 at \$109.81 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

Germany delivered the latest dose of gloomy economic news, with its Ifo index of business confidence falling for the fifth month in a row. Germany is an economic powerhouse, but 43 percent of its exports go

to its euro partners. And growth is stalling across the other 16 countries in the eurozone.

Slower economies mean less demand for oil, pushing prices down.

Phil Flynn, a senior market analyst for Price Futures Group, said he's surprised prices haven't fallen further. He said one reason could be that commodity funds have not been bailing out of oil.

Still, oil prices have been under pressure from worries about Europe. The dollar has been stronger, which makes oil cheaper for holders of other currencies.

"You're seeing demand destruction around the globe," he said. "You've got Saudi Arabia saying they're going to pump oil until the cows come home." □

## IMF: action needed on global economy

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The head of the International Monetary Fund on Monday called on government leaders in Europe and the United States to take urgent action in dealing with a faltering global economy.

"This time we need a sustained rebound, not a bounce," said IMF chief Christine Lagarde. "If this time is to be different, we need certainty, not uncertainty."

We need decision makers to be real action takers. We need delivery."

Lagarde said the global economy was gradually

recovering but that the IMF projects growth will likely be weaker than anticipated.

In a speech to the Peterson Institute for International Economics in advance of next month's annual meetings of the IMF and World Bank in Tokyo, Lagarde said, "Uncertainty in the eurozone remains the greatest risk to the global economy today."

She said European leaders must deliver on commitments made June 29, including establishing a single supervisory banking mechanism and enabling the direct recapitalization of banks. □

## Barron's slams Facebook, stock falls

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Facebook Inc.'s stock took a hit Monday after an article in the financial magazine Barron's said it is "still too pricey" despite a sharp decline

in the mobile space is "no sure thing" for the company. Mobile ads must fit into much smaller screens, which doesn't give Facebook "much room to con-

matter," Bary wrote. "That's a fiction, pure and simple." Menlo Park, California-based Facebook's stock fell \$2.03, or 8.9 percent, to close at \$20.83 on Monday. The company went public on May 18 at a share price of \$38, which it has not matched since.

Bary said he thinks Facebook's stock is worth \$15, well below its current price even with Monday's drop.

"That would be roughly 24 times projected 2013 profit and six times estimated 2013 revenue of \$6 billion, still no bargain price," he wrote. Facebook declined to comment.

Last week, research firm eMarketer said it expects Google Inc. to surpass Facebook in U.S. display advertising revenue this year. In February, eMarketer predicted Facebook would stay ahead of Google. The social networking company had surpassed Google in 2011. But Facebook's ad revenue has fallen short of the expectations eMarketer set in February.

That said, some analysts are still bullish on Facebook. Last week an analyst at Cantor Fitzgerald started coverage of its stock with a "Buy" rating and a target price of \$26. The analyst, Youssef Squali, said he's "positive on the stock long-term" despite its botched IPO and the worry that Facebook's stock will be held down as employees become eligible to sell their stock in the coming months. □



This combination of Associated Press file photos, show advertising for the financial magazine Barron's on display in New York, and the Facebook logo on an iPad in Philadelphia. Facebook Inc.'s stock took a hit Monday, Sept. 24, 2012, after an article in Barron's said it is "still too pricey" despite a sharp decline since its initial public offering.

(AP Photo)

since its initial public offering.

Though Facebook's stock has plunged since its May IPO, Andrew Bary at Barron's said the stock trades at "high multiples of both sales and earnings, even as uncertainty about the outlook for its business grows." At issue is the shift of Facebook's massive user base to mobile devices. The company is still figuring out how to advertise to people who use their mobile phones and tablet computers to access the social network. Bary said success

figure ads without alienating users," Bary said.

Facebook also has what Bary called "significant" stock-based compensation expenses. Last year, the company issued \$1.4 billion worth of restricted stock and \$1 billion so far this year, he noted. Yet technology companies such as Facebook "routinely encourage analysts to ignore stock-based compensation expense — and most comply. This dubious approach to calculating profits is based on the idea that only cash expenses



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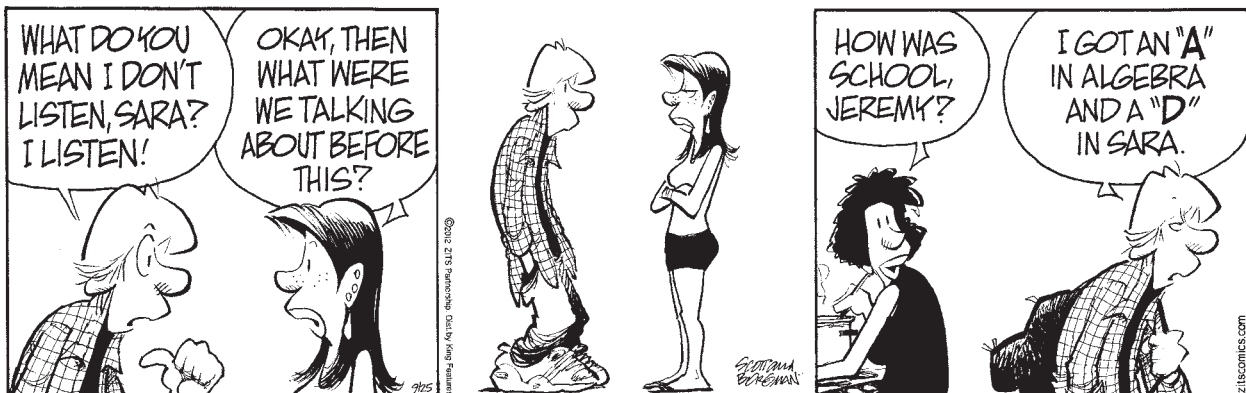
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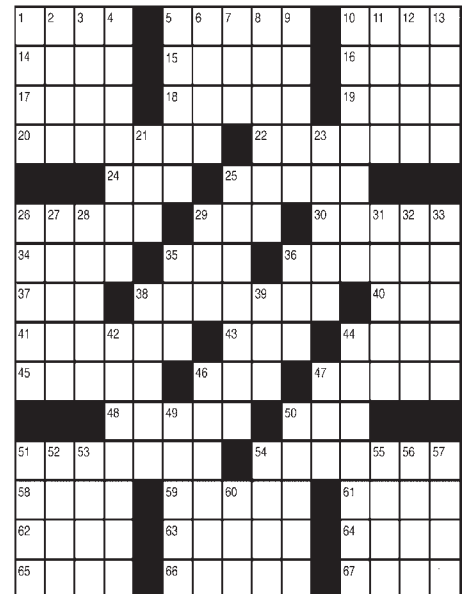
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# After a slack period, hotels are sprucing up

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U.S. hotel owners are increasing their spending on improvements to their properties this year, upgrading guest rooms, restaurants, technology and other amenities.

A new survey of owners estimated that spending would reach \$5 billion this year, the most since 2008 and up from \$3.75 billion last year, said Bjorn Hanson, divisional dean of the Preston Robert Tisch Center for Hospitality, Tourism and Sports Management at New York University and author of the survey. Capital expenditures fell to \$3.3 billion in 2009, in the depths of the recession, and dropped further, to \$2.7 billion, in 2010, he said.

These estimates do not include spending for hotel expansions or major changes that result from moves like switching brands.

The slowdown in improvements came at a price. According to J.D. Power and Associates' 2012 North America hotel guest satisfaction index study, released in July, guest satisfaction with hotel rooms had fallen to 752 points on a 1,000-point scale, from a high of 770 in 2007, while satisfaction with "hotel facilities" was 758, a seven-year low.

Many factors account for the increased spending in brands like Crowne Plaza, Courtyard by Marriott, Staybridge Suites, Hyatt and Westin. With the industry's continuing recovery – occupancy this year is at its highest since 2007, and rates are at their highest since 2008 – owners can more easily afford upgrades.

Henry Harteveltdt, a travel analyst and co-founder of Atmosphere Research Group, said hotel owners were also investing now because travelers were no longer beholden to a particular brand. An Atmosphere study last year found that only 3 in 10 American travelers were loyal to any hotel company. Hotel owners, Harteveltdt said, "know they have to start invest-



The Fairmont Copley Plaza hotel's new OAK Long Bar and Kitchen restaurant, part of the hotel's extensive renovations, in Boston, Sept. 19, 2012. With the hotel industry's continuing recovery, owners can more easily afford upgrades.

(Evan McGlinn/The New York Times)

ing in guest rooms, restaurants and public spaces if they want to sustain price increases and hopefully achieve more."

Also, travelers now expect to find their hotel rooms equipped with the same amenities that they have at home, whether it is a flat-screen television, Wi-Fi or broadband Internet access, said Steven Kent, lodging analyst at Goldman Sachs.

And the growing popularity of social media puts more pressure on owners to properly maintain their investments.

"Social media make all flaws public," Harteveltdt said. "There's no hiding behind an out-of-style dust ruffle anymore."

In fact, Hanson said, the decline in capital expenditures by owners in re-

cent years was unusual. Although management companies like Marriott, Starwood and InterContinental Hotels Group normally require owners to invest in their hotels to maintain or meet new brand standards, after 2008, they "waived many new and existing requirements for capital expenditures, to help owners through this period of decreased financial performance," Hanson said.

While the industry as a whole eased off on improvements for several years, some brands, particularly IHG's Holiday Inn and Starwood's Sheraton, continued to upgrade their hotels. A three-year, \$1 billion global overhaul of Holiday Inn and Holiday Inn Express hotels was completed in 2010, while a multibillion-

dollar global upgrade of Sheraton hotels that began in 2008 was finished last year.

Hyatt officials said the company actually used the downturn to its advantage. They said it was a good time to start projects because construction and design costs were low, and with low occupancy rates, fewer guests were inconvenienced. As a result, they said, Hyatt in the Past few years has fixed up some hotels it owns, like the Grand Hyatt New York, which underwent a \$130 million, total renovation that was finished last year.

Several Fairmont hotels are in the middle of improvements this year, including the Fairmont Copley Plaza in Boston, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary with upgrades of guest rooms and the executive lounge, and opening a new restaurant, the OAK Long Bar & Kitchen. Guest rooms at its hotel in Dallas are being improved, while the Fairmont Washington, D.C., recently refurbished its meeting and event spaces. □

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 LOUISVILLE, Kentucky (AP) — The man known to a generation of Americans as "The Science Guy" is condemning efforts by some Christian groups to cast doubts on evolution and lawmakers who want to bring the Bible into science classrooms.

Bill Nye, a mechanical engineer and star of the popular 1990s TV show "Bill Nye The Science Guy," has waded into the evolution debate with an online video that urges parents not to pass their religious-based doubts about evolution on to their children.

Nye has spent a career teaching science to children and teens with good-natured and sometimes silly humor, but has not been known to delve into topics as divisive as evolution.

Christians who view the stories of the Old Testament as historical fact have come to be known as creationists, and many argue that the world was created by God just a few thousand years ago.



**Associated Press**

"If we raise a generation of students who don't believe in the process of science, who think everything that we've come to know about nature and the universe can be dismissed by a few sentences translated into English from some ancient text, you're not going to continue to innovate," Nye said in a wide-ranging telephone interview. The brief online video was not Nye's first foray into the combustible debate, but "it's the first time it's gotten to be such a big deal."

"I can see where one gets so caught up in this (debate) that you say something that will galvanize people in a bad way, that will make them hate you forever," he said. "But I emphasize that I'm not questioning someone's religion — much of that is how you were brought up."

In the video he tells adults they can dismiss evolution, "but don't make your kids

America is home to the world's biggest creationist following, Ham said, and the \$27 million Creation Museum has averaged about 330,000 visitors a year since it opened just south of Cincinnati in 2007. □

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In this July 15, 2011 photo, MTV cameras film Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi during the taping of a "Jersey Shore" episode on the Seaside Heights, N.J., boardwalk.

Associated Press

## Snooki law would let towns regulate reality TV

WAYNE PARRY  
Associated Press

**ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey (AP)** — A lawmaker in the U.S. state of New Jersey wants towns to have a say in the filming of reality TV shows within their boundaries. Republican Assemblyman Ronald Dancer on Monday introduced legislation for a Snookville Law. The law would let towns impose conditions including requiring TV crews to pay for additional police officers to assure public safety during filming.

Dancer named the bill after "Jersey Shore" cast member Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi, whose show recently ended its three-year run in Seaside Heights. The MTV show's cast members were involved in scuffles and drunken public displays. Police officers routinely were assigned to areas where filming occurred. Snooki and co-star Jennifer "JWoww" Farley have been filming a spinoff series in nearby Manchester. Authorities there have reported no problems. MTV has no comment. □



In this Jan. 15, 2012 file photo, actress Sarah Michelle Gellar arrives at the 69th Annual Golden Globe Awards in Los Angeles. Gellar has given birth to her second child, a boy, with husband and fellow actor Freddie Prinze, Jr. it was announced Monday, Sept. 24, 2012.

Associated Press

## Actress Sarah Michelle Gellar gives birth to boy

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Sarah Michelle Gellar and Freddie Prinze Jr. have added a boy to their family. Publicist Leslie Sloane says the baby was born in Los Angeles. His name and details of the birth weren't released. The couple also has a 3-year-old daughter named Charlotte. They celebrated their 10th wedding

anniversary this month. Gellar and Prinze have co-starred in two "Scooby-Doo" films along with the thriller "I Know What You Did Last Summer." Last year, the 35-year-old Gellar starred in the CW drama "Ringer." The 36-year-old Prinze had a role on the final season of Fox's "24." Us Weekly first reported the birth. □

## Bonnie Franklin fighting pancreatic cancer



**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — The family of actress Bonnie Franklin says the "One Day at a Time" star has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. In a statement released by CBS, the family says Franklin is undergoing treatment and continuing her normal schedule. The statement released Monday says Franklin and her family "remain extremely positive" and ask that her privacy be respected. The 68-year-old Franklin starred as single mom Ann Romano in the hit CBS comedy "One Day at a Time," which aired from 1975 to 1984. Her co-stars included Mackenzie Phillips and Valerie Bertinelli. □

## 'Sesame Street' switching things for Elmo

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Elmo will be carrying a new tune on "Sesame Street." Several, actually. A shift in how the popular puppet is deployed marks the most visible change on "Sesame Street," the children's program that began its 43rd season on public television on Monday. The "Elmo's World" segment is being phased out after 13 years, replaced by a new segment, "Elmo the Musical." Ten new skits, each lasting 11 minutes, have been prepared. The idea is to incorporate music into the "Sesame Street" emphasis on introducing concepts in science, technology, engi-

neering and math to the preschool-aged viewers, said Rosemarie Truglio, senior vice president of education and research at Sesame Workshop, the company that makes the series. Elmo will use singing and dancing to draw attention to the need for problem-solving skills and make the learning entertaining, she said. The character will be featured in "Sea Captain the Musical," "Mountain Climber the Musical" and "President the Musical." The current Elmo, geared largely to 2-year-olds, had some repetitive music segments. "Elmo the Musical" will have seven or eight songs in each skit, and will



be aimed at preschool youngsters who are slightly older. "With really young children, the arts are very relevant to their lives," Truglio said. "We want to be able to use thearts as a tool." "Sesame Street" began its emphasis on science and

technology last season. The children's show is also bringing in its usual series of guest celebrities this season: Charlize Theron, Halle Berry, Melissa McCarthy, Steve Carell, John Hamm, Zac Efron, Blake Griffin, the rock band Train and rapper Common. □



## Magician David Blaine ready to shock after 4 years



This Oct. 13, 2008 file photo shows David Blaine attending a Cinema Society and Dolce Gabbana hosted special screening of "Filth and Wisdom" in New York. Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Magician-daredevil David Blaine is ready to shock people. Blaine is returning to New York City on Oct. 5 for a three-day, three-night stunt called "Electrified: One Million Volts Always On." It will be streamed live.

A trailer for the stunt shows the 39-year-old endurance artist wearing a futuristic-looking bodysuit in between two conductors.

Blaine's last stunt was hanging upside down without a net high over New York's Central Park for 60 hours in 2008. But the grand finale of the "Dive of Death" stunt didn't go according to plan.

His other stunts include holding his breath underwater for 17 minutes and 4 seconds, being buried alive for a week in a see-through coffin and being encased in a block of ice for 63 hours.

## Niece of Scientology leader plans tell-all book

NEW YORK (AP) — A niece of Scientology leader David Miscavige is planning a tell-all memoir about the church. Jenna Miscavige Hill has been a frequent critic of the Church of Scientology since publicly breaking with it in 2005. She has a deal with HarperCollins Publishers imprint William Morrow for "Beyond Belief: My Secret Life inside Scientology and My Harrowing Escape."

Morrow announced Monday the book will come out in January. It says the 28-year-old Hill will reveal "strange and disturbing" details about growing up in the church and will provide a firsthand account of Scientology's "upper ranks."

David Miscavige chairs the board that oversees the church, founded in the 1950s by science fiction writer L. Ron Hubbard.

Scientology teaches followers they're immortal spiritual beings who live on after death. Church members include Tom Cruise and John Travolta.



This Sept. 20, 2012 photo shows Pattie Mallette, mother of Canadian singer-songwriter, producer, entrepreneur and actor Justin Bieber, in New York. Associated Press

## Bieber mom Pattie Mallette writes of painful past

LEANNE ITALIE  
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Pattie Mallette was 18, living in a home for pregnant girls after years of unrelenting sex abuse and depression when she gave birth to a boy she thought she'd name Jesse, a boy whose first cry sounded like a song. Well, the baby seemed more like a Justin after he popped out. And his last name isn't Mallette.

It's Bieber. You'd have to be firmly under a rock not to know at least a little bit about Justin Bieber's YouTube-to-riches story, his loyal fan base of Beliebers, 28 million Twitter followers or the hordes of screaming girls who pack his tours.

What you probably don't know are his mother's struggles, starting with the painful divorce of her parents, through years of emotional turmoil and hard partying that made school a blur, and her eventual turn to God after a suicide attempt about six months before Justin was conceived. Mallette, 37, has laid bare her past in a new book, "Nowhere but Up: The story of Justin Bieber's Mom," out

recently from the inspirational publisher Revell. It's a powerful, plainspoken story, written in collaboration with A.J. Gregory, a mother herself. A portion of proceeds have been promised to shelters like the one that harbored Mallette in Canada when her mother kicked her out of the house after she got pregnant.

Her troubles began well before that, however, and Mallette has forgotten little. "Writing the book was part of my healing process," she said in an interview. "Just having to relive things as I'm writing it down. There are parts that are still painful to go over."

She was 2 when she watched her alcoholic, abusive father walk out the door. She was about 3 when she was first sexually abused by someone she knew. Mallette doesn't identify her numerous abusers, including a male baby sitter and the grandfather of a friend, but the last words of her book's acknowledgments speak volumes. "I was sexually violated so many times that as the years went by it began to feel normal," wrote

the petite Mallette. "It's a strange marriage — knowing something is wrong yet at the same time finding it familiar and commonplace."

Fear, self-loathing and the notion that she was an unlovable, "dirty girl" stretched through her life, and she says the "void of having a father in my heart" led her down rough paths — drinking and drugging to oblivion, beginning at age 14. There was pot smoking and LSD. She left home at 16. To support herself and pay for her habits, she turned to petty crime and pot dealing and the toxic, on-again-off-again, four-year relationship she had with Justin's father, Jeremy Bieber, that began when she was 15. At 17, she threw herself in front of a truck and landed in a mental ward. It was there that she found a Christian life, though her faith faltered soon after and she fell back into her old life. Sex with Jeremy left her pregnant. She resisted intense pressure from those around her to have an abortion: "I knew that I had to do what it took."



## Washington Versus America



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When I moved to Washington, D.C., in 2002, you could sense that the nation's capital had turned a corner after decades of decline. But the Washington of 10 years ago still looked basically like the city that had been scarred by riots in the 1960s and then emptied by white flight, with a prosperous northwest divided from a blighted south and east, and frontiers of gentrification that weren't that many blocks from the Capitol itself.

No doubt there were boomtowns in the 19th-century Wild West that changed faster than D.C. did over the ensuing decade. But the changes to Washington have been staggering to watch. High-rises have leaped up, office buildings have risen, neighborhoods have been transformed. Streets once deserted after dusk are now crowded with restaurants and bars. A luxurious waterfront area is taking shape around the stadium that the playoff-bound Nationals call home. Million-dollar listings abound in neighborhoods that 10 years ago were transitional at best.

And that's just inside the District proper. Cross the bridges into Virginia or shoot north into Maryland, and you'll find concentrations of wealth greater than in the richest counties around New York and Los Angeles and San Francisco. Last week, new census data revealed that seven of the 10 richest American counties in 2011 were in the Washington, D.C., region. Fairfax, Loudoun and Arlington counties, all in Northern Virginia, have higher median incomes than every other county in the United States. Whence comes this wealth? Mostly from Washington's one major industry: the federal government. Not from direct federal employment, which has risen only modestly of late, but from the growing armies of lobbyists and lawyers, contractors and consultants, who make their living advising and influencing and facilitating the public sector's work.

This growth is a bipartisan affair. It's been driven by the contract-out of government services under both Bill Clinton and George W. Bush (as Andrew Ferguson put it in a wonderful Time magazine essay on the new Washington, "government hasn't shrunk; it's just changed clothes"); by the Bush-era security buildup, whose ripples are spreading to this day (witness the new Department of Homeland Security facility intended for still-improvised Anacostia); and by the bright young college graduates who flooded the city at the dawn of Barack

Obama's presidency and the lobbyists who followed to claim a piece of his attempt at a new New Deal.

If you don't mind congested roads and insanely competitive child rearing, all this growth is good news for those of us inside the Beltway bubble. But is it good for America? After all, like the ruthless Capital in "The Hunger Games," the wealth of Washington is ultimately extracted from taxpayers more than it is earned. And over the last five years especially, D.C.'s gains have coincided with the country's losses.

There aren't tributes from Michigan and New Mexico fighting to the death in Dupont Circle just yet. But it doesn't seem like a sign of national health that America's political capital is suddenly richer than our capitals of manufacturing and technology and finance, or that our leaders are more insulated than ever from the trends buffeting the people they're supposed to serve. For Mitt Romney and the Republican Party, what's happened in Washington these last 10 years should be a natural part of the case against Obamanomics. Our gilded District is a case study in how federal spending often finds its way to the well connected rather than the people it's supposed to help, how every new program spawns an array of influence peddlers, and how easily corporations and government become corrupt allies rather than opponents.

The state of life inside the Beltway also points to the broader story of our spending problem, which has less to do with how much we spend on the poor than how much we lavish on subsidies for highly inefficient economic sectors, from health care to higher education, and on entitlements for people who aren't supposed to need a safety net — affluent retirees, well-heeled homeowners, agribusiness owners, and so on.

There's a case that this president's policies have made these problems worse, sluicing more borrowed dollars into programs that need structural reform, and privileging favored industries and constituencies over the common good.

But this story is one that Romney and his party seem incapable of telling. Instead, many conservatives prefer to refight the welfare battles of the 1990s, and insist that our spending problem is all about an excess of "dependency" among the nonincome-tax-paying 47 percent.

In reality, our government isn't running trillion-dollar deficits because we're letting the working class get away with not paying its fair share. We're running those deficits because too many powerful interest groups have a stake in making sure the party doesn't stop.

When you look around the richest precincts of today's Washington, you don't see a city running on paternalism or dependency. You see a city running on exploitation. □



## Exploiting The Prophet



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"Piss Christ," a famous photograph partly financed by taxpayers, depicted a crucifix immersed in what the artist said was his own urine. But conservative Christians did not riot on the Washington Mall.

"The Book of Mormon," a huge hit on Broadway, mocks the church's beliefs as hocus-pocus. But Mormons haven't burned down any theaters.

So why do parts of the Islamic world erupt in violence over insults to the Prophet Muhammad?

Let me try to address that indelicate question, and a related one: Should we curb the freedom to insult religions that are twitchy?

First, a few caveats. For starters, television images can magnify (and empower) crazies. In Libya, the few jihadis who killed Ambassador Chris Stevens were vastly outnumbered by the throngs of Libyan mourners who apologized afterward.

Remember also that it's not just Muslims who periodically go berserk, but everybody — particularly in societies with large numbers of poorly educated young men. Upheavals are often more about demography than about religion: the best predictor of civil conflict is the share of a population that is aged 15 to 24. In the 19th century, when the United States brimmed with poorly educated young men, Protestants rioted

against Catholics.

For much of the postwar period, it was the secular nationalists in the Middle East who were seen as the extremists, while Islam was seen as a calming influence. That's why Israel helped nurture Hamas in Gaza.

That said, for a self-described "religion of peace," Islam does claim a lot of lives.

In conservative Muslim countries, sensitivities sometimes seem ludicrous. I once covered a Pakistani college teacher who was imprisoned and threatened with execution for speculating that the Prophet Muhammad's parents weren't Muslims. (They couldn't have been, since Islam began with him.)

I think a few things are going on. The first is that many Muslim countries lack a tradition of free speech, and see ridicule of the prophet as part of a larger narrative of the West's invading or humiliating the Islamic world. People in these countries sometimes also have an addled view of how the U.S. handles blasphemy. A Pakistani imam, Abdul Wahid Qasmi, once told me that President Bill Clinton burned to death scores of Americans for criticizing Jesus. If the U.S. can execute blasphemers, he said, why can't Pakistan?

I challenged him, and he plucked an Urdu-language book off his shelf, thumbed through it, and began reading triumphantly about the 1993 raid on David Koresh's cult in Waco, Texas.

More broadly, this is less about offensive videos than about a political war unfolding in the Muslim world. Extremist Muslims like Salafis see themselves as unfairly marginalized, and they hope to exploit this issue to embarrass their governments and win public support. This is a political struggle, not just a religious battle — and we're pawns.

But it would be a mistake to back off and censor our kooks. The freedom to be an imbecile is one of our core values.

In any case, there will always be other insults. As some leading Muslims have noted, Islam has

to learn to shrug them off.

"Why should we feel danger from anything?" Nasr Hamid Abu Zayd, one of the Islamic world's greatest theologians, said before his death in 2010. "Thousands of books are written against Muhammad. Thousands of books are written against Jesus. OK, all these thousands of books did not destroy the faith."

A group called Muslims for Progressive Values noted a story in Islamic tradition in which Muhammad was tormented by a woman who put thorns in his path and went so far as to hurl manure at his head as he prayed. Yet Muhammad responded patiently and tolerantly. When she fell sick, he visited her home to wish her well.

For his time, Muhammad was socially progressive, and that's a thread that reformers want to recapture. Mahmoud Salem, the Egyptian blogger better known as Sandmonkey, wrote that violent protests were "more damaging to Islam's reputation than a thousand so-called 'Islam-attacking' films."

He suggested that Egyptians forthrightly condemn Islamic fundamentalists as "a bunch of shrill, patriarchal, misogynistic, violent extremists who are using Islam as a cover for their behavior."

Are extremists hijacking the Arab Spring? They're trying to, but this is just the opening chapter in a long drama. Some Eastern European countries, like Romania and Hungary, are still wobbly more than two decades after their democratic revolutions. Maybe the closest parallel to the Arab Spring is the 1998 revolution in Indonesia, where it took years for Islamic extremism to subside.

My bet is that we'll see more turbulence in the Arab world, but that countries like Egypt and Tunisia and Libya won't fall over a cliff. A revolution isn't an event, but a process.

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# In Milan, a unanimous vote from the models



**Models take the catwalk during the Salvatore Ferragamo women's Spring-Summer 2013 fashion collection, during the fashion week in Milan, Italy, Sunday, Sept. 23, 2012.**

(AP Photo/Giuseppe Aresu)

CATHY HORYN

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MILAN — Melanie Ward, a stylist who worked closely with Helmut Lang in the 1990s and then Karl Lagerfeld on his short-lived New York label, was backstage here at Versace. As Donatella Versace stood nearby explaining why her collection looked so skimpy, Ward, her new stylist, offered some practical wisdom.

It's always a good sign, she said, when the models say during fittings that they want to own the clothes, and the vote for Versace's cheeky lace hot pants and dresses had apparently been unanimous.

Let's concede that a skinny girl who wears clothes for a living knows what she likes. And after seeing some of Milan's stuffer creations, like the harlequin-checked satin dresses at Aquilano. Rimondi, which featured dimples of fabric over the tummy, or the number of components in Ferragamo's summer looks (leather coats, crocodile dresses, knee-high boots with spaghetti lacing), Versace's flaky fashion began to seem brilliant.

Milan likes to make a big show of its tailoring and handcraft. It's like a guy with his gorgeous red Fer-

rari, but unlike the Ferrari, what's "under the hood" doesn't necessarily make the garment fun to wear. Ferragamo is a case in point. Massimiliano Giorgetti threw everything at the clothes. For the show notes, the PR staff used "hyper-constructed" to describe a trench coat. But it was obvious that Giorgetti didn't give himself enough to work with. Where were summer-weight fabrics? Why so many hard little jackets?

Giorgio Armani often catches grief for doing things, well, the Armani way: putting models in silly hats, say, or trying to arouse interest in balloon shorts. But at least Armani isn't trying to trick anybody with his tailoring. One or two of his cropped jackets on Sunday looked woven from leather or silk cord. They were extremely light, like all his jackets, and underneath were fluid tops and wide-leg pants in silvery gray and pale blue silk or organza.

Were it not for the luminous fabrics and the Armani daytime polish of a jacket, the outfits could have passed for pajamas. In a fairly simple way, Armani has updated his modern uniform. Except for a few shorts and long skirts, every outfit was shown with pants, for a

consistently relaxed and mobile silhouette. And the models were free enough to run backstage to get in place for the finale, though they still had to hold on to their hats.

A number of designers were interested in uniformity, as well as lightening things up: Peter Dundas with his stark white, layered cling dresses for Pucci; Angela Missoni with sheer trapeze dresses over knitwear. Missoni liked the idea of affecting waiflike figures with her floating dresses, which created shadings of coral

and green with the underlayer. But it was also a nice way to highlight Missoni's knits without completely shrouding them.

Two influences loomed over the Milan shows: the minimalism of Raf Simons (from Dior couture, as well as his last collections for Jil Sander) and the extreme volumes of Rei Kawakubo's fall Comme des Garçons show. Consuelo Castiglioni's clothes for Marni were conspicuously cleaner than usual, with peplums or folded pieces of fabric giving shape to full-skirted dresses in black or white cotton. She also showed simple tops with matching shorts.

On Sunday, I stopped by the Jil Sander showroom to see the collection up close. Also there were editors from InStyle and buyers from Harvey Nichols in London. The reaction was overwhelmingly positive, as an editor, reaching for a loose white cotton twill dress, said, "I want to wear these clothes now."

Does that comment carry more weight than a model's?

This was Sander's return collection after an eight-year absence. She told Sarah Mower of Vogue that she wants her company's motto to be "excellence in manufacturing." On the runway, Sander's clothes looked plenty appealing for their simple,

rounded shapes — the way a masculine vest in mulberry cotton morphed into a knee-length feminine dress over a white cotton middy blouse with a bit of swing in the hem. A slim navy skirt in cotton with a matching, somewhat cropped jacket caught everyone's eye, as did deep-pocketed blazers with shorts and all the loose summery dresses.

But when I saw the clothes up close, I appreciated Sander's motto. If somebody couldn't manufacture these clothes, then they shouldn't be in business, because the construction wasn't at all complicated. Clearly Sander picked up some ideas when she was working with Uniqlo. Also, while she has good people around her at Sander, she is a different designer today: much less doctrinaire, judging by this collection. The complaint 10 years ago was that her designs weren't feminine enough. Minimalist and modern, sure. Well, that's a big change.

Karl Lagerfeld's mind is a vast store of references, handled with a sense of play in his Fendi collection, where black-framed color-blocked skirts and dresses seemed folded like construction paper. Colors are Lagerfeldian — that telling drop of turquoise — and the furs often blend magically into fabrics. □



**Models get ready in the backstage during the Giorgio Armani women's Spring-Summer 2013 collection that was presented in Milan, Italy, Sunday, Sept. 23, 2012.**

(AP Photo/Antonio Calanni)